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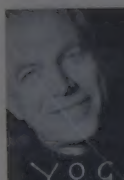

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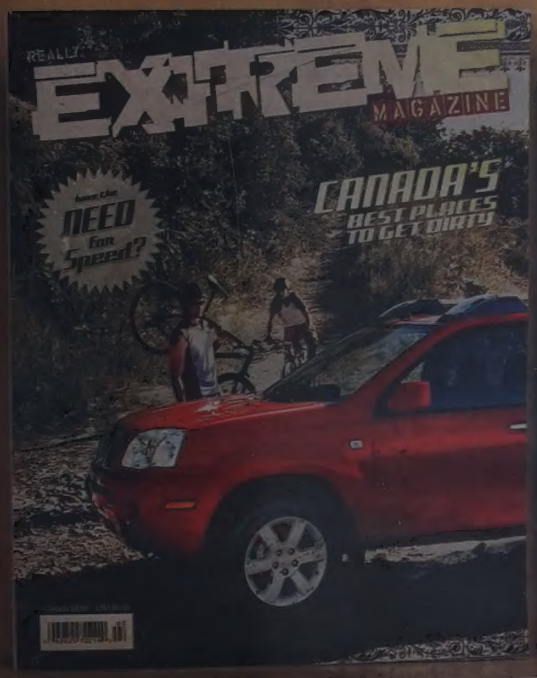

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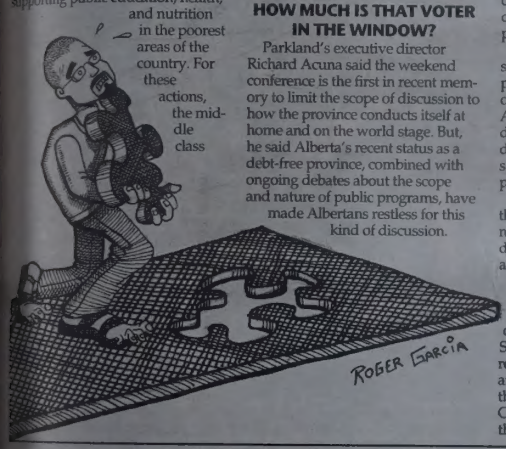
What we could learn from Venezuela

Weekend conference imagines a better Alberta

GEOGRAPHICALLY AND IDEOLOGICALLY there is a huge gap between Venezuela and Alberta. The common element in each locality is oil money, and lots of it. Journalist Jonah Gindin says Albertans could learn much about political engagement and social spending if they were willing to visit the alternative news sites he writes for.

"The reason Venezuela is perceived to be a threat, is [President] Chavez is trying to create an alternative, something different than neo-liberalism and privatization," he explains. "In Canada we're constantly dealing with these threats... the majority of Canadians favour universal health care, but we are faced with this privatization battle."

President Hugo Chavez is reviled by the American administration for nationalizing oil companies, even though he did so to fund programs supporting public education, health, and nutrition in the poorest areas of the country. For these actions, the middle class accused Chavez of being a fascist, a communist, and/or a dictator.



The Alberta government is on the opposite track. Its message is that excess oil money can't be spent on social programs. A recent Health Ministry document suggests average citizens should pay out of pocket, so they can better understand how much health care costs.

Gindin, a writer based in Caracas and Toronto, says mainstream media have ignored Chavez's social reforms because of the neo-liberal hold on the mass media. I

Gindin is one of 20 speakers scheduled for the Parkland Institute's Nov 18-20 conference, titled "The Alberta We Want in Canada and the World." His Sunday morning talk will make the argument that far from behaving like a dictator, Chavez is in fact building a better democracy.

HOW MUCH IS THAT VOTER IN THE WINDOW?

Parkland's executive director Richard Acuna said the weekend conference is the first in recent memory to limit the scope of discussion to how the province conducts itself at home and on the world stage. But, he said Alberta's recent status as a debt-free province, combined with ongoing debates about the scope and nature of public programs, have made Albertans restless for this kind of discussion.

"Last year's provincial election, everybody, including party leaders, were saying 'we don't have a vision, we don't have a vision for the future,'" he said. "People said yeah, we have all this money and we don't have a plan for it...with the $400 prosperity bonus, there are people asking if there aren't other ways we can invest this money. Two or three years ago, we wouldn't have had nine out of 10 letters to the editor saying 'we don't think this is a good idea for the future."

And it isn't just the left saying so. Klein's bonuses even came under fire from the middle-of-the-spectrum-or-slightly-right Canada West Foundation. The think-tank began a discussion series called the "Investing Wisely Project" in January 2005, and in October reported only 14 per cent of Albertans favoured surplus dollars being divided up and mailed directly to them. Thirty-seven per cent wanted reinvestment in public programs and services.

The provincial government didn't seem to notice. Think-tanks and public interest groups seem to be the only places where the spending of Alberta's surplus riches are being debated. Every summer surplus decision—over $5 billion worth of spending—has been made without public debate.

"If people don't start talking about the future, the mainstream media is not going to talk about it. And if they don't talk about it, our politicians aren't going to listen," Acuna said.

Gindin said change in Venezuela came when the people at the bottom of the ladder voted for someone at the top who would listen. Schools and hospitals both had resources drained by privatization, and the two-tier structure catered to the elite. The lower classes voted in Chavez because he promised to help them. Doing what voters wanted has led critics from around the world to call Chavez an economy-destroying populist.

ALBERTA POLITICS BESTED IN THE BARRIO

"It's a load of crap," says Gindin, explaining Chavez moved reforms ahead in a way that threatened his own party, the Movement of the Fifth Republic.

"A side effect of the investment is that it brings those who are otherwise marginalized into the political system. Neighbourhoods form health committees to decide what services they need. For education, they form an education committee."

In Alberta, when early Klein budgets came under criticism from elected health boards, the province sacked the critics. Soon after, health boards were appointed by government. Chavez empowers his critics, Gindin said.

"The majority of the population in the poor areas are Chavistas, but they hate the party... they organize into a form that gets their foot in the door and bridges the community with the next level of government."

Acuna thinks Albertans are hungry for a more responsive and forward-looking government, something they have enjoyed in past.

"It's something our previous government's have been clear on. Agree with him or not, [former Premier] Lougheed did have a vision... for the long-term, not just the next three to five years."

The Parkland Institute Conference begins at the University of Alberta 7:30 pm, Friday, with a keynote address by Council of Canadians chair Maude Barlow. Check www.ualberta.ca/parkland for a full schedule. Tickets are from $15 to $10, with a $5 discount available for low-income attendees.

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Thursday, November 10

Evangelical demagogue Pat Robertson predicts a Godly wrath befalling the citizens of Dover, Pennsylvania after the town decided intelligent design was not that intelligent for public schools. Robertson said Dover's prayers would fall on deaf ears after such an affront.

Friday, November 11

An American Press—Ipsos poll shows support for President Bush at the near Nixon level of just 37 per cent. Six in ten respondents said they don't think the president is honest. The top reason for voter dissatisfaction is the Iraq war. The war was ostensibly launched because of Iraq's ties to terrorism, or rather, weapons of mass destruction, which of course means spreading U.S.-style freedom and democracy in the Middle East.

Saturday, November 12

U.K. pollsters say one quarter of voters think Tony Blair stinks at his job and ought step down immediately. A further 22 per cent believe he should step down in the next two years. The polls came after a parliamentary vote which scrapped Blair's plan to hold terror suspects for 90 days without charge.

Sunday, November 13

The official hunting season for the Storjso monster opens in Sweden. The Ogopogo-like creature is said to inhabit 300-foot deep Lake Storjson. In 1986 the Jamtland council listed the creature as an endangered species, but recently reversed that decision. Happy hunting!

Monday, November 14

Andrew Stimpson, a 25-year old Londoner who tested negative in an HIV test a year after testing positive, is dodging researchers who want him for guinea pig duty immediately. Scientists say there have been unconfirmed accounts of recovery from HIV infection on the African continent for years, but no follow up research.

Tuesday, November 15

Paul Martin and company unveil Big Brother legislation, a situation critics say is double-ungood. Bill C-74 would give law enforcement officials the right to demand internet service providers turn over the names, addresses, phone numbers, and presumably a/s/l (that's age, sex, location for you non-chatroom freaks) of any subscriber without warrant. A ray of light: the government is set to fall any day now, so the bill could die on the floor.

Wednesday, November 16

German scientists find excessive computer gaming carries all the hallmarks of drug addiction. *The New Scientist* reports. The scientists found that, as in crack addiction, video games can become the only stimulus that releases dopamine in the body. The study confirms what Nintendo have long suggested in their commercials, which feature close-ups of gamers with dilated pupils.

IN BRIEF

UNION RANK AND FILE OPT OUT OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS

RESULTS OF A VOTE ON TELUS' LATEST contract offer weren't in at press-time, but some members of Telecommunications Workers Union local 207 were plenty irate at the potential for a new shotgun-marriage with the company.

"People are frustrated. I can't think of a better word for it. There is frustration with the [Federal] government, with Telus, and of course at the union," said Mimi Williams, vice-president of TWU local 207, which represents clerical and operator services workers.

A plan to have members vote by mail-in ballot appeared to be fraught with last-minute oversights, as no local 207 members had received their ballot by the Friday prior to the vote deadline. Only two days before the Wednesday vote deadline , Williams said two members had received their mail-in vote packages minus the all-important ballot.

Monday, Nov 14, local 207 members congregated at Telus Plaza to take advantage of a vehicle convoy transporting members to the union's west-end regional office where they could vote in person.

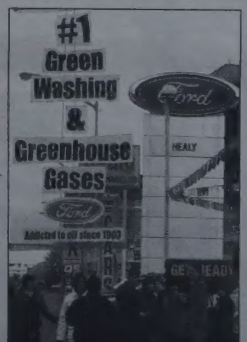
"We have dozens and dozens of cars out, and we have members continuing to travel out to the west end as we speak," Williams said. She said confusion about the quick vote process was common on the picket line.

"We don't understand who is setting the agenda, whose timeline is this. Is it the company's?" she wondered, speculating that the urgency of the process could cause further problems. "When you rush things, you will very rarely do things right."

Federal Labour Minister Joe Fontana, who is responsible for overseeing labour issues in the federally-regulated communications sector has been criticized by TWU members for not forcing Telus back to the bargaining table after the company was unsuccessful in its summer bid to impose a contract on the union.

PROTESTERS WANT GAS GUZZLERS MUZZLED

SALES PEOPLE AT DOWNTOWN Edmonton's Healy Ford dealership likely wished they had stayed in bed as protestors pushed the world-wide "Ford Day of Intervention," coordinated by the Jumpstart Ford network.



Edmonton protesters from the Environmental Direct Action Network (EDAN) "adopted" Healy Ford as their target of the campaign, which aims to embarrass the company into accelerating plans to build a new hybrid vehicle, and to stop what they see as white-washinging of the fact their vehicles have some of the worst carbon-emitting engines on the road today.

Outside the dealership, EDAN launched a 20 foot-tall banner from a massive helium balloon to catch downtown drivers' attention. The banner announced Ford as being tops in "greenwashing" and "greenhouse gases."

"The response was really great, and we got a lot of honks from cars passing by, [which is] a little ironic," said organizer Mike Huderna. "We also presented the manager with an award for Ford, as the climate changer of the year, and with it a letter a explaining why we were there."

Ford's campaign, known as "greenwashing" in environmentalist circles, gives motorists tips on how to drive their vehicles in a fuel-efficient way, instead of offering them an alternative to the massive fuel-hogs the flog to the public.

The company has stated intentions to build a quarter-million hybrid vehicles by 2010. That's not good enough, say Jumpstart Ford's supporters, pointing out Toyota plans to sell twice as many hybrids in the next year.

"Ford has promised to do in five years what Toyota is doing today, and its new fuel economy school does nothing to change the fact that its cars, trucks and SUVs are the most wasteful vehicles in America," said Jennifer Krill, director of the Zero Emissions Campaign at Rainforest Action Network.

ACTIVE CITIZEN

SINCE CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR, AND you're already thinking of helping someone in greater need than that jerk uncle of yours, turn your gaze back to Edmonton, and take a moment to ponder our homeless population. **Hornefest 2005** went down last Sunday, assisted by folk music acts from The Fates, Chris Wynters, Tony McManus, and others. The awareness and money-raising effort aimed at ending homelessness drew **over 1000 active citizens** together in solidarity, willing to campaign government to provide those in need with shelter.

Here's the skinny on Edmonton's housing situation, in case you didn't make it to the fest: while **6,508 transitional or emergency housing spaces will be needed in 2009, the official Community Plan on Housing and Support Services will only add 1,575 spaces by 2009**. There is a similarly dismal outlook for affordable housing (housing which eats no more than 30 per cent of individual or family income). Edmonton's Community Plan recommends 3,125 affordable units be added by 2009, despite the city's own studies identifying a need for 43,022 units in 2009 alone. The most recent **survey identified 306 children, 508 women, and 1,297 men without a home**, here in Edmonton.

If you don't know the score on housing in the city, visit the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund Website at www.ehtf.ca to get educated.

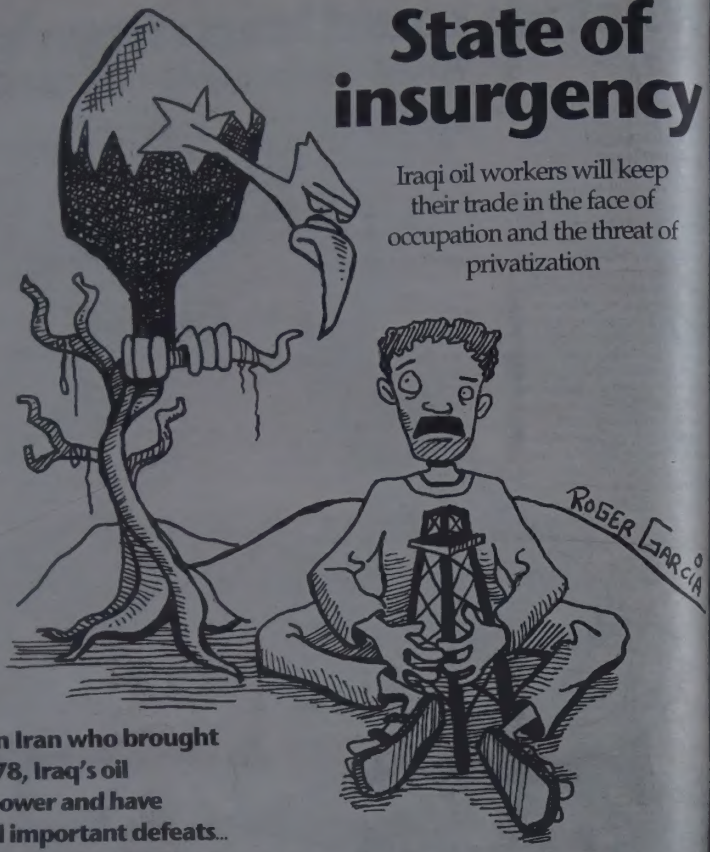
If you want to be part of the solution, **write a letter to your city councillor, your MLA, and your MP** expressing your support for expanded affordable and emergency housing funds for the city. Emergency and subsidized housing amount to some of the most expensive social safety nets around, so **a bake sale is not going to cut it**. Politicians need to hear your support for increased spending on housing.

Now, put on your crash helmet, because **Buy Nothing Week is fast approaching**. Dodge the shopping frenzy at the **ECOS exchange booth** on the main floor of the UofA Students Union Building, Nov 21 to 25. It's all about **reducing consumption** and **getting off the capitalist treadmill**. Call 492-7134 for more info, or email ecos@ualberta.ca.

If you want to be a little more direct in your action, then you could **boycott Wal-Mart**. The North American Organic Consumers Association began their **Breaking the Chains** campaign Nov 13, so look for a picket at a Wal-Mart near you. The campaigners also want you to patronize a local business instead of the big W, so sign a pledge form available at www.organicconsumers.org/bc. If you're still deciding where you stand, hop on the Web and visit Edmonton's own Babe Lloyd at www.babelloyd.com/ walmart.html to get the goods.

State of insurgency

Iraqi oil workers will keep their trade in the face of occupation and the threat of privatization



WHEN SADDAM HUSSEIN'S REGIME started crumbling on April 9th, 2003, those whom it had driven underground began to breathe again. From Syria, Britain, Scandinavia, and elsewhere, exiled trade union radicals began to make the long journey home. Soon workers everywhere were organizing. A general strike broke out in Basra after the British troops tried to install a notorious ex-Ba'ath Party leader as mayor. Within a month, the city had a labour council bringing together many new unions.

Among those who had resisted Hussein's brutal dictatorship was an oilfield technician, Hassan Juma'a Awad. A veteran of the Shi'a uprising in southern Iraq of 1991, Juma'a had begun to speak openly about the bad conditions in the fields and refinery of the Southern Oil Company (SOC) where he'd worked for three decades. He soon became the most important labour leader in southern Iraq, and today is the biggest single obstacle to the Bush Administration's main goal for the occupation—the privatization of the country's oil.

Oil is Iraq's lifeblood, and the southern fields produce 80 per cent of it. That puts the hands of this workforce on the tap controlling the country's wealth, with the ability to turn it off at will. Like the oil workers in Iran who brought down the Shah in 1978, Iraq's oil workers know their power and have already used it to deal important defeats to the occupation regime.

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BY IRAQ, FOR IRAQ

"Without organizing ourselves, we would have been unable to protect our industry, which we had been looking after for generations," Juma'a Awad says. "It was our duty as Iraqi workers to protect the oil installations, since they are the property of the Iraqi people, and we are sure that the US and the international companies have come here to put their hands on the country's oil reserves."

He's not wrong. Within just a few short months, SOC workers found themselves up against the best-connected US corporation in Iraq—Halliburton—whose former CEO, Dick Cheney, is now US Vice-President. As the occupation began its grinding course, KBR, the Halliburton construction subsidiary, showed up at the SOC facilities. Its no-bid contract with the US Defense Department gave it a mandate to begin reconstruction and get the oil flowing again to the tankers off the coast in the Persian Gulf. KBR in turn hired a Kuwaiti subcontractor, Al Khoorafy, which stood ready to bring in hundreds of foreign employees to do the work.

Faced with replacement in their own jobs in a city where unemployment soared to 70 per cent, Juma'a Awad and his co-workers stood firm. They told KBR that if they brought in a single person, then they would stop the oil installations completely. "Iraq will be reconstructed by Iraqis. We don't need any foreign interference," Juma'a said. At first, KBR tried to cut a deal to split the jobs with Iraqis. But the oil workers refused to accept any outside help. Eventually, KBR brought in the reconstruction supplies on trucks, unloaded them, and left.

AN EFFECTIVE UNION?

The next challenge came in September 2003. The occupation administration issued Order 30, lowering the base wages for Iraq's public sector workforce—including oil workers—from $60 to $35 per month. It also cut subsidies for food and housing.

"We asked ourselves: 'How can it be that the workers in our industry would get $35 a month?' The American Administration wasn't willing to co-operate with us, so we had a short strike. We managed to get the minimum salary up to 150,000 Iraqi dinars (about $100). This was the beginning of our struggle to improve the income of oil workers." The union effectively doubled the wages of many. Today, a labourer with 20 years' experience earns about 420,000 Iraqi dinars (about $300 dollars) a month. A chicken in the market costs about 1,500 dinars ($1).

The strike had other repercussions. In Basra's power generation, plants workers threatened similar action and won increases as well. When they needed negotiators to represent them, it was to Juma'a Awad whom they turned.

Like all Iraqi unions, the General Union of Oil Workers opposes the occupation. But he views privatization as an even larger threat. "We oppose it very strongly, especially in oil. It is our industry. We don't want a new colonization under the guise of privatization with international companies taking control."

It is a message that companies like Halliburton cannot help but hear. "Now we have workers' councils in 23 areas of southern Iraq, and represent over 23,000 workers," says Juma'a. "The occupying forces tried their best to stop us because they saw this as a danger. They were aware that organized workers would have power. They kept saying that according to the law we had no legitimacy—no right to represent employees in the oil sector. As far as we were concerned, we didn't need them to give us legitimacy. We were elected by the workers. That's the only kind of legitimacy we need."

DAVID BAGG
From Featurewell.com

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On the third month of Xmas...

Christmas—it only happens once a year. So special! Funny then, ha ha, that the world of commerce must start cramming "Xmas" and all of its fa-la-la-la-fucking paraphernalia down our throats while we are still in the din of Hallowe'en's hangover. Give us a little time to decompress, at least?

Not only does it put a damper on my "holiday spirit" when I'm forced to see and hear all manner of twinkling, singing, cheap, soulless, pro-Christmas consumer wankery for months before the now-vapid, commercial cash-cow of a holidays rolls around, but the magic is all gone isn't it? It's not about the kids anymore at all... the little ones know more about Holiday Ringtones and Maple Lattés than they do sleigh bells ringing and the spirit of giving.

We're not even given a choice: NO, I don't WANT the "Executive Gingerbread Holiday Surprise Limited Edition" coffee cup, OK?

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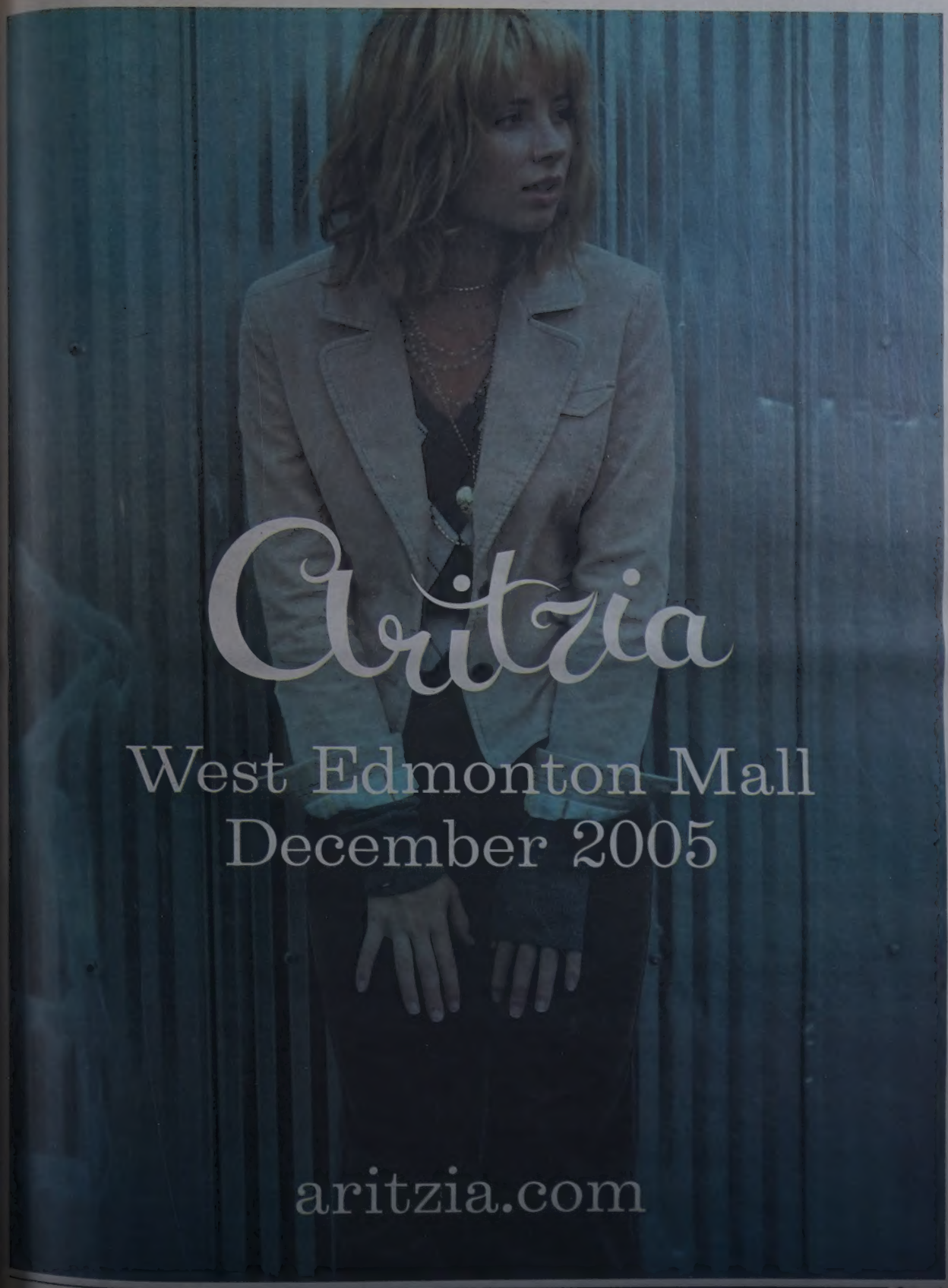
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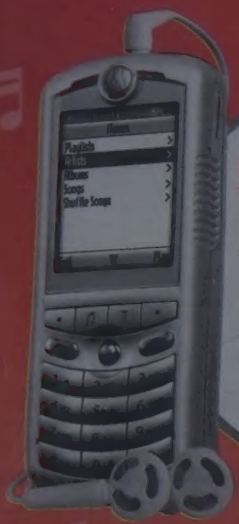

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Entertainment pigs

Trust is the one-way ticket we should boycott

IMAGINE IF I INVITED YOU OVER TO watch *Futurama* or a movie, but before letting you into my house, I pulled out a metal detector and started jamming it under your armpits, down your ass, and groping and bagging any personal belongings you have on you. Or what if I gave you a CD, but purposefully infected it with surveillance software that opened a backdoor to your computer that would later allow me to come and snoop around your hard drive?

Besides the twisted hypocrisy of spying on you while not allowing you to do the same to me, I'm probably being a noisy friend, and you certainly shouldn't watch me around your hot girlfriend. But what if, besides doing these things, I *charged you* for the pleasure, in the same motion as vaguely accusing you of being a criminal? Me = cunt. Pretty simple math.

TRUST US TO NOT TRUST YOU

These two examples—the lobby metal detectors and the imbedded CD software—are real-life examples of the way the entertainment industry is mishandling technology while simultaneously being jarringly technophobic. Theatres in Toronto are regularly rifling through patrons' bags and subjecting them to metal-detector searches and screenings, watching crowds with infrared glasses in the dark. It happens here, too. Increasingly, theatre workers are denying entry to cameras and even some cell phones, suggesting at best that they be left in the lobby for the duration of the film. The message is simple: you are not to be trusted, but you are to trust *us* with your expensive property. Hey, head office. Suck my shit. But let's go over this again.

Besides all the shitty fucking Telus ads and previews for Christmas movies clearly aimed at mentally retarded seniors, corporate paranoia has now reached the point where they're casually protecting their Hollywood garbage with the same measures used in airports to protect human lives against unshaven murderers. And to whom do they do this? Them who done patronize them!

I'm a man of great sympathy, but actions like this not only help me understand why, but make me childishly happy that box office numbers are sliding ever-deeper into the urinal cakes, perhaps one day affecting the jobs of the idiots who came up with these intrusions. Let's say it one last time. You want us to happily hand over our personal devices, while we pay you to watch your films, because you don't trust us. Fuck. You. Pick your battles, you might say, but the casual erosion of this simple respect I'm thrashing against—with or without your help.

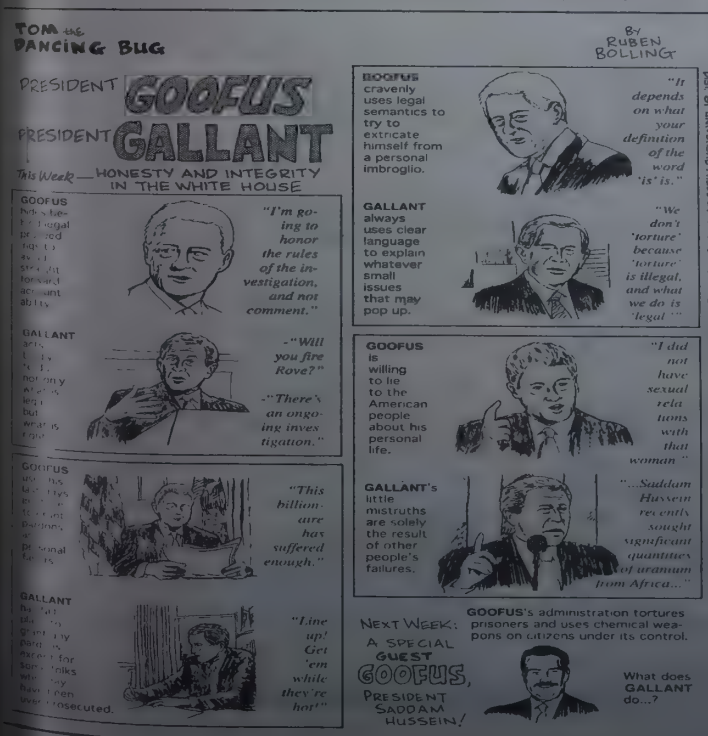
And what about those nefarious CDs? Despite requiring a license agreement to play your music on your own PC or Mac, Sony recently violated countless laws by embedding malware into some of their titles, which, in layman's terms, opened an administrator-level, invisible door into your computer, which hackers soon found and exploited. The XCP and SunnComm MediaMax technologies are on *millions* of already-bought CDs, the latter being spyware that reports back to Sony—from whom, it doesn't need saying, it would be perfectly reasonable to consider not ever buying another disc again. The patch to fix this contorts your system up even more

LEARN NOT TO SHARE

Though Sony has ceased producing CDs complete with these computerized drugs for date-rapers, their gaming department is currently working on future technology that won't allow the sharing or lending of videogames by means of forever branding and linking your purchase to your system alone. So, uh, what happens if your PS3 gets stolen? Or breaks?

Intellectual property rights have actually reached the point where the Legion is using legalese on Remembrance Day poppies: "Unfortunately we have to protect this image or lose its use as a symbol of Remembrance," said Bob Butt, no joke, director of communications for the Canadian Legion. There have even been moves in America—with thankfully little traction so far—to copyright story concepts. Not stories themselves, but fucking ideas! Shakespeare wouldn't have been able to lift the template for *Romeo and Juliet* from older works, nor would the Bible have been able to be-Jesus all those spicy pagan legends. And an ongoing battle between publishing companies and Google continues—authors who want their works entirely searchable online are being painted as criminals by the companies for whom they made so much money. And on it trundles.

Most bootleg films and mp3s are available *before* their commercial release. The problem is not us, but we're being anally probed for it at the point of entry. The best way to deal with being punished for paying for things is academic, of course. Pirate, and pirate again. We consumers are, after all, the new blanket enemy of the free market, convicted before the fact. So why not enjoy the loot?



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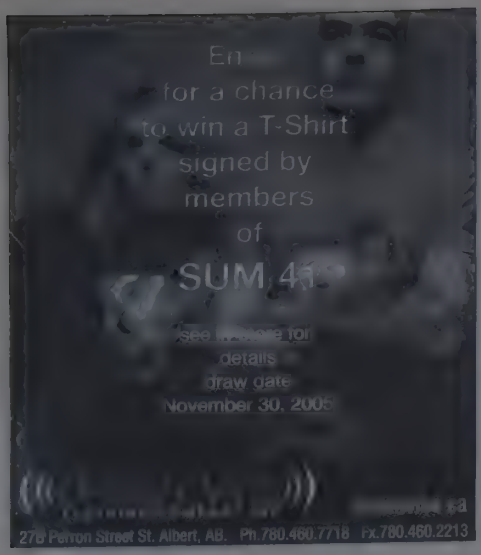


Re: Reading

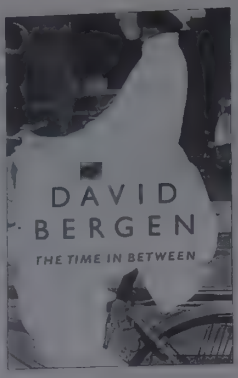
TIMES TRASHES TROPHIES

IN *THE NEW YORK TIMES* LAST WEEK, **A.O. Scott** opined that the **American National Book Awards**—although he could just as easily have been writing about Canada's literary prize culture—always seems to elect either the ridiculously well-known authors who need no award to bolster their reputation nor their sales, or the writers who are so obscure that only the creamiest crème of the literati have heard of them before.

This year, he writes, "the prizes, transparently trivial, implicitly corrupt and utterly detached from any notion of literary value, will be greeted with cynicism, derision and, if we're lucky, a burst of controversy. It will escape no one's attention—not even the winners'—that the very idea of handing out medals and cash for aesthetic and intellectual achievement is absurd, if not obscene."

JUDGING A BOOK BY...

That said, many congratulations to



David Bergen for having won the **Scotiabank Giller Prize** for ***The Time in Between***. (Why are we always forgetting the "Scotiabank" part of the tag?) See, we thought for a while that we would prefer to be seen, say, LRT-shuttling Churchill to University with our noses buried inside **Lisa Moore's *Alligator***. We take that back. Our senses have now settled. Bergen's cover is way, way cooler. Seriously, that photo of the woman in white riding a red bicycle is pretty damned stunning.

At any rate, it was one of those years in which you couldn't just give the prize to the obvious choice, like Alice Munro. Picking the only boy in the running I think followed the logic that men don't read enough fiction, so they need more role models. (Plus, the hardcover version has a sexy chick on it, too.)

FALLING STAR

Lest we lull ourselves into thinking that this is about literary achievement, however, take note of some entirely serious reflection on the prizes. **Vit Wagner** of ***The Toronto Star*** informs us that, regrettably, "the relationship between book sales and Canada's most prestigious literary awards is an inexact science at best." Ahem. Is this because enabling public discourse about literary merit is too, oh, intangible? Is this because, faced with incalculable disaster or glory, we concern ourselves first with speculation about its "economic impact"?

The imperfect science that Wager concocts concludes, by the way, that it's hard to tell the difference in sales for famous authors, but easier for the les[illegible] authors. That's because the [illegible] authors are already widely rea[illegible] less famous author's aren't.

Yes, yes, yes. We prefer A[illegible] assessment that "prizes flour[illegible] extent that they are not taken [illegible] With goofs like Wagner purpo[illegible] an "arts and entertainment" w[illegible] diagnosis seems entirely acc[illegible] "they [the prizes] exist in a limb[illegible] ety and uncertainty about the [illegible] artistic and intellectual endeavou[illegible] al consumer economy."

OPTIMISTICALLY POOCHE[illegible]

On the topic of global [illegible] economies, **Maude Barlow** [illegible] book out: ***Too Close for Comfort: Ca[illegible]da's Future within Fortress North Ame[illegible]ca***. Detailing what has become, thanks [illegible] the softwood lumber debacle, [illegible] knowledge—that Canada is screw[illegible] NAFTA—Barlow is super becau[illegible] face of a nauseating mountain of depres[illegible] facts, she manages to see hopeful possi[illegible] ties. It's just one of the reasons to go [illegible] her keynote address at the Parkla[illegible]

Institute's conference, "The Alberta [illegible] Want." (Other reasons include brea[illegible] out of your mainstream-media-indu[illegible] apathy and sipping coffee with cool [illegible] after Barlow speaks.) Advance tickets ([illegible] - $15) are available at Audrey's Bo[illegible] Earth's General Store, and the Parki[illegible] Office. The event takes place Fri[illegible] November 18 at the Myer Horowitz T[illegible] atre, 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

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VEGETARIAN and HEALTH

Cafe Mosaics *10844—82 Ave. 433 - 9702* With a newly revamped menu, Mosaics makes its way to your heart with its unpretentious vegetarian fare at reasonable prices. Highlights include the Secret Burrito and the Teriyaki Portobello Mushroom Salad. You can only get their excellent Tofu Omelette or Vaccheros for Sunday brunch, but it's definitely worth waiting up for. ★★★★

Poemanadi Vegetarian Restaurant *10626—97 St., 428-8899* Padmanadi not only serves great food, they also contribute a portion of their revenue to the existing veggie restaurant market. There are more than 50 meatless dishes. The menu draws inspiration from cuisines of Malaysian and Indonesian cuisine: curry, coconut milk, chilli and a sweet, thick soy-based sauce called kecap. What you have here is nice folks running a decent restaurant with unique food. What do you want? A written guarantee? ★★★★½

BREAKFAST and BRUNCH

Cafino *9914—89 Ave 437 – 5588* Chef Brad Lazarenko has added this brunch menu with tasty morsels like quiche or braised bacon mushroom frittatas, the "house sandwich" — grilled zucchini, spinach creamcheese, pickled peppers and chickpea spread and the dinner menu is even more impressive with pork chops in chimichurri sauce, wild salmon, scallop hotpots and fabulous snacks and appetizers. ★★★½

High Level Diner *10912—88 Ave. 433 - 0993* Though it is a silent overall restaurant High Level's brunches and breakfasts have a special place in my heart. From super-decadent to totally healthy, the offerings at this Edmonton institution are always top-notch. Go early on weekends. ★★★★☆

CAFE/BISTRO

Bistro Praha *10168—100A St 424 - 4218* Bistro is a place of civility and comfort, allowing you to dine like a gourmet on wiener schnitzel, lamb chops, finely wrought beef rouladen and seafood dishes. There's also an array of sandwiches, salads and picnic-style plates at very reasonable prices. ★★★½☆

Blue Plate Diner *10145—104 St., 429 – 0740* The menu is smattered with southwestern entrees, sandwiches, veggie dishes, stews and soups. The prices are reasonable ($5-$10 and under for the most part) and it's a very nice room to eat in, with big windows, a high ceiling, exposed brick, and a variety of art by local creative types. ★★★★☆

The Free Press Bistro *☆80, 10014—104 St., 497 – 7784* These aren't typical brown-bag variety sandwiches—The Free Press builds theirs on a hot, chewy foundation of Ciabatta bread, filled with intriguing ingredients and subjected to a sandwich press to mix it all together in satisfyingly gooey fashion. ★★★½☆

Two Rooms Café *10324—82 Ave., 439 – 8386* This lunch soup is the stuff of legend: thick and hearty, potently seasoned and satisfying. Along with soup and some appetizers, decent gourmet sandwiches and sides satisfy your appetite with that which is simultaneously familiar and totally unique. ★★★½☆

CASUAL/ECLECTIC

Gabbana *11223 Jasper Ave., 488 – 0955* Gabbana has quietly assumed a solid reputation for its inventive "fusion" cuisine and respectable wine list. Despite a clucky start, they are improving in fur around five years and their menu has expanded admirably. I'd specifically like to endorse his the Su Dong Po Wild boar. ★★★★½

La Table de Renoir *10046—101A Ave., 429 – 3386* Starting with une petit salade à maison ($5.95), moving on to the pecoladiere ($8.95) and finishing, triumphantly, with grenouille à la Provencale ($9.95)—thus sating my hunger and exercising my command of French in one hell swoop. Je sera de retour à La Table Renoir, certainement! ★★★★

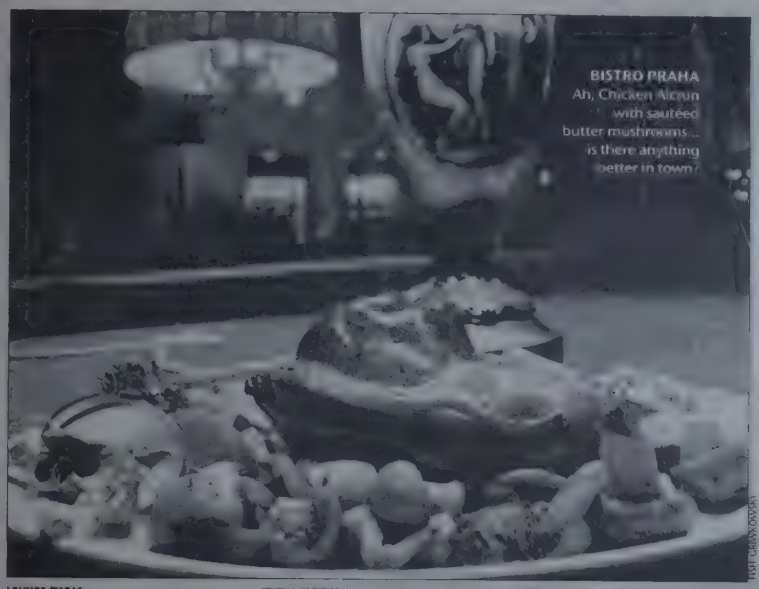
Manor Café *10109—125 St., 482 – 7577* Boasting a spacious, rustic but elegant patio, the Manor is a gorgeous and house with plenty of indoor dining. And they serve beautiful, mouth-overwhelming food—whether you're looking for a mozzarella, entree, tapas, salad, or an assortment of appetizers. ★★★★

Rigoletto's *10068—108 St., 429 – 0701* Rigoletto's is, of course, a long time staple of Edmonton's restaurant scene, home to dependable Italian food, enticing beef, chicken and seafood entrees, delightful daily menus and a fine venue for late night dining and drinks. Just stepping into its chiaroscuro ambience has an baneful effect. ★★★★½

FINE DINING

Madison's Grill *10053 Jasper Ave. 421 – 7171* Looking for a romantic room to impress the boss or that special someone? Then Madison's is the place for you: an endlessly charming, elegant room, gracious service and a flawless combination of menu with a fusion mentality. ★★★★★

The Red Ox Inn *9420—91 St., 465 – 5727* Rustic and comfortable, with a scant 32 seats. There are thankfully just a handful of appetizers, salads and entrees—so as not to leave you with indecision—the wine list is epic by comparison. The entrees were almost too good to eat—The Red Ox Inn added one more to their list of people who will happily go around promulgating their well-deserved reputation. ★★★★½



LOUNGE/TAPAS

Savoy *10401—82 Ave. 438 - 0373* The mod cool of this southside drinkery is mirrored on its menu, which injects imagination and delicate flavour into entrees, lighter fare, and appetizers that are good for sharing but you know, classy. Also a lengthy and impressive beer list. ★★★☆☆

The Suede Lounge *11806 Jasper Ave 482 – 0707* The cocktail menu boasts names such as the Narcotic Thrust, and the a range of New and Old World wines are moderately priced. While well prepared and beautifully presented, the tapas we tried were a little bland, but Suede Lounge features some of the most incredible sweets I have ever experienced. Try the Dark Chocolate and Orange Galettes. ★★★☆☆

PUB FOOD

Brewster's *11620—104 Ave., 482-4677* The prairie brewpub chain produces 14 handcrafted beers and offers salvation to the hangover afflicted with all-day happy hour ($3.69 a pint). My cup of soup was smooth and subtly smoky, but not overly memorable. I was, however, prepared to clear the rest of my schedule to further explore Brewster's beer menu. ★★★☆☆

Overtime Broiler and Tap Room *10304—111 St., 423 – 1643* Standard sports bar fare: large portions of meat-steaks, ribs, halves of chickens-as well as pizza, pasta, burgers, sandwiches, seafood, and the usual appetizers. The food was more than acceptable, but didn't come together in any particularly special way. I'd return for a few brewskis and a seat by the fire. ★★★☆☆

Rose and Crown Pub *10235—101 St., 428 – 7111* Lined with gleaming wood and a wall of windows, this is a deluxe menu from appetizers to high-end entrees. Unexpected offerings like applewood-smoked salmon and bison burgers mean a solid dinner destination when you feel like something more impressive than pub food in a pub atmosphere. ★★★★☆

ASIAN

Bach Dang *7908—104 St., 448 - 0288* Bach Dang offers sweet-sounding daily specials and a lengthy menu of soups, vermicelli bowls, sizzling platters and veggie entrees. Most of the soups on the Bach Dang menu are priced around $6 and are a meal unto themselves, or would satisfy two people who ordered a couple of appetizers, like their yummy fresh shrimp rolls. ★★★☆☆

Hoang Long *10715—98 St., 414 - 0877* Hoang Long's cooks are polymaths when it comes to Asian cooking, able to produce Vietnamese, Thai and Japanese food out of the same kitchen. The premises are a little neater and the rices a little higher than some of its neighbours on 97 St., which is attractive to many judging by the busy lunch hours they routinely host. ★★★½☆

Matahari *10108—124 St., 452-8262* The red curry beef had my vote for the most delectable of the dishes of Matahari's sprawling menu, but the rest of the table sided heavily with the robust pad thai. And dessert? How can you say no to roti canai stuffed with bananas, topped with strawberry syrup and coconut ice cream? ★★★★☆

Miranda Dining & Lounge *9431 Jasper Ave 425 - 3888* Scrumptious dim sum in a massive dining room that's usually packed. Look for excellent, plump shrimp rice flour wraps, pan-fried pork dumplings, curried squid and endless hot tea. ★★★½☆

Tropika *6004 Calgary Trail S. 439 - 6699* Malaysian cooking is the original infusion food—British, Indian, Chinese, Thai, Arabic and native Malay cooking. Excellent and well-prepared lunches at reasonable prices. We'll be back for dinner. ★★★★☆

SUSHI and TEPPAN

Kyoto Japanese Cuisine *10128—109 St. 420 - 1750* One of two locations on 109 St., this Kyoto sports tatami rooms, a long sushi bar and the same menu as its southside sister—lots of variety in appetizers, sushi, udon and entrees. The rainbow roll, broiled scallop in mesonaise and beef tataki are all worth a try. ★★★★☆

Sushi Wasabi *5714—111 St. 433 - 0533* I miss their little take-out kiosk in the Strathcona Chinatown Mall, but the new digs suit the elegance and quality of the food. Good assortment of entrees but, really, try the sushi. Or at least the avocado-shiitake roll. ★★★★☆

Tokyo Noodle Shop & Sushi Bar *10736— 82 Ave. 430 - 0838* Modelled on Tokyo's ubiquitous noodle shops, this ultra-hip Garneau Lofts restaurant instantly became a Whyte Ave. institution. I especially like the thick Udon noodles and lightly fried Salmon Karaage. ★★★☆☆

THAI

A-Roy Dee Thai House *9653—102 Avenue 428 – 0148* The freshness of the food is spectacular, and the complexity of the flavours comes through loud and clear. Bring a large group of people to sample the menu as fully as possible—it's as easy on the pocketbook as it is on the tastebuds. ★★★★★

Boun Thai *10815 Jasper Ave, 420 – 0779* A pleasant room nestled next to Rigoletto's. The generous serving of calamari was al dente, rather than squishy or rubbery. The pad thai was ample, the coconut milk curry rich and teeming. A much spicier concoction than I've had at other Thai restaurants-in no way a bad thing. ★★★½☆

The King and I *8208—107 St.* Edmonton's Thai restaurant of note lives up to its reputation with a broad, authentic menu redolent of the flavours of Southeast Asia. Pad Thai is a good place to start, but after that, dare to experiment. ★★★★☆

CAJUN

Dadeo Restaurant *10548A—82 Ave. 433 - 0930* The menu has been tweaked a bit lately, but the stuff you've always loved about Dadeo's is still there. Combo platters, salads, gumbos, the always-tasty sweet potato fries, and the delicious po' boys on special every Monday and Tuesday night. Try the breakfast sometime: sweet potato pancakes, anyone? Hell yeah. ★★★★☆

Louisiana Purchase *10320—111 St. 420 - 6779* My Cottonpickin' Chicken was consumed tasty and with unhurried grace, our server saw to it we never wanted for anything—breadsticks, water, utensils, coffee, she had it all covered. ★★★★☆

CENTRAL AMERICAN

Acajutla *11302—107 Ave., 426-1308* The Guanaco breakfast—with eggs, refried beans, fried plantains and tortillas—is enticingly exotic, but the Huevos Rancheros—a homemade tortilla topped with two eggs covered in tomatoey goodness, lightly freckled with salty feta—eventually won out. The pupuses will hold you under the thrall of their freakin' deliciousness. ★★★½☆

Calabash Café *10630—124 St 414 - 6625* Calabash Cafe makes choosing simple by presenting a short list of solid Jamaican fare in the $7 - $20 range. Someone of moderate appetite could easily take another person of moderate appetite and eat well for around $12. ★★★½☆

Los Comales *10824—97 St 423 - 1213* Offering authentic and unpretentious Salvadoran and Mexican dishes in a cheap and cheerful downtown eatery. Try the pupusas and chuchitos. ★★★½☆

INDIAN and EASTERN

Hawali *10220—103 Street 421 – 8100* Your down-to-earth Indian cuisine: no nonsense and no fuss. With a fair representation of flavours and intensities to suit most palates, the Vindaloo, Kormas, saag, masala and biryani all demand attention. ★★★☆☆

Langano Skies *9920 Whyte Ave., 432 – 3334* An oasis of delicious, surprisingly flavourful Ethiopian food, with spicy stews and injera served in baskets called mesobs. Considering how full you'll feel walking out, the prices are very reasonable: meat dishes are $10 - $13 and veggie fare runs $5 - $9. ★★★½☆

Mebrat Café *10603—107 Ave., 424 – 9929* A humble purveyor of Ethiopian and Eritrean cuisine: the menu isn't extensive, the interior neither lush nor distinctive, but Mebrat is well-patronized. How many places offer the traditional Eritrean breakfast repast of fuf? ★★★½☆

New Asian Village *10143 Saskatchewan Dr. 433 - 3804* Esteemed for its mouthwatering Indian fare and extensive beer selection, New Asian Village puts up nice buffets Wednesday and Sunday nights. Pace yourself. ★★★★☆

ITALIAN

Allegro Italian Kitchen *10011—109 St., 424 – 6644* There is exceptional pasta to be had, and you can trust Allegro to come through with the requisite trimmings-a glass of house red, a nice salad (Insalata Allegro) and a good platter of non-monotonous, flavourful pasta. Allegro puts up an attractive slate of specials every night very much in line with what they already do so well. ★★★★☆

Gino's Italian Kitchen *7618—104 St., 433 – 6202* What's surprising about Gino's is how extensive the menu is: there's a choice of 23 different pasta sauces—a virtual guarantee that every dish is made from scratch. Besides pasta, there's stromboli, pizza, appetizers, salad, soup and a long list of house specialities. In short, choosing is no easy feat. ★★★½☆

Il Forno Ristorante *14981 Stony Plain Rd. 455 - 0443* If you visit this ever-popular eatery—famous for its oven-baked pizzas—go early. You may wait for a table, but a well-made meal here is worth the effort. ★★★★☆

Il Portico *10012—107 St. 424 - 0707* In some dining rooms you go to spot celebrities, at Il Portico you are the celebrity (given the way they treat you). Delightful Italian/continental offerings, buoyant room, brilliant wine cellar and some of the best service staff in Edmonton make for a memorable dining event every time out. ★★★★★

Sicilian Pasta Kitchen *11239 Jasper Ave. 488 – 3838* Sicilian Pasta Kitchen has a great reputation-the food is made from scratch, there's an impressive selection of pasta, pizza, entrees and appetizers, and the portions are generous, which wouldn't be a big deal if the food weren't consistently good. But I've never been disappointed by a meal at the Sicilian Pasta Kitchen. ★★★½

MEDITERRANEAN

Co Co Di Restaurant *10160—100A St. 425 – 1717* The spacious dining room occupies a prime corner of Rice Howard Way, but the ambience and decor are decidedly unpretentious. The menu is divided into Lebanese and continental dishes, with steaks, pastas and seafood selections. But as soon as I saw the Chicken Shawarma I knew what I was after. With other Middle Eastern specialties like kibbeh, kafta, and hummus with guaranteed satisfaction on offer, Co Co Di seems a good bet for further adventures. ★★½

Koutouki Taverna *10704—124 St 452 - 5383* When dining, seek to concentrate on the appetizers: olives, dip, pita, grilled meat, seafood and salad. The server reaches for the pepper when take-out is paired with Greek salad, roasted potatoes, vegetables and spinach. The happy ending, for least expensive, I've spent and another person, who very nearly been served from the same amount of food. ★★★½

La Tapa *[illegible] 99 Ave. 437 - [illegible]* If you want to sample widely from the song list at tapas prices ($5.50 - $9.95) and enjoy the favourite wine recommended to Tapa encourage sampling frequent, enthusiastic participated occasionally by their owner. A new report of Alhambra Review 1995 dun hot other, in that what tapas is really all about? ★★★½

Parkallen Restaurant *7018—109 St 436 - 8080* Known for their pizza and famous wine cellar featuring rare vintages that go for close to $10,000 a bottle, Parkallen's Lebanese specialties are a reason to unto themselves. Tatoush salad or kebb bil sanieh (Lebanon's national dish) - but he shiesh tawook (kabobs) - the hands-down winner. ★★★½

STEAKHOUSES

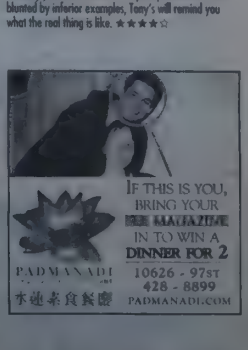
Teddy's Restaurant and Lounge *11361 Jasper Ave., 488 – 0984* The menu is a catalogue of middle-class whitey comfort food, everything from a king size corned beef sandwich to fish and chips, lasagna, liver and onions, three kinds of beef dip, seafood dishes and other "Western" favourites. And what can I say? It was without a doubt the best steak I've had all summer, accounting for every one of the four stars of this review. ★★★★☆

PIZZA

The Funky Pickle *10441—82 Ave. 433 - 3865* A Funky Pickle pizza means whole-wheat dough, real cheese (including Asiago and Feta), fresh vegetables and ingredients and real attention to detail. ★★★★½

Pharo's Pizza *8708—109 St. 433 - 5205* I'm not going to commit the faux pas of saying that Pharo's is the best pizza in town (my god, that's like choosing a favourite among your children), but will state that it's certainly in my personal top 10. The joint also has that retro-diner coolness and is perfectly situated beside the Garneau Theatre for pre- or post-show pigging out. ★★★½

Tony's Pizza Palace *9603—111 Ave., 424 – 8777* With 35 years in the business, Tony's Pizza Palace fashions authentic premium pizza that's better than anything, we're talking the best pizza crust in the city: hand-tossed with meticulous attention, never overcooked. Sal's Deluxe stole my pizza lovin' heart—if your palate has been blunted by inferior examples, Tony's will remind you what the real thing is like. ★★★★☆



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BY THE TIME YOU GET TO PHOENIX
Joaquin gets Johnny's troubled ways

WALK THE LINE
Directed by James Mangold. Starring Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon. Opens Fri. Nov 15. ★★★★☆

WALK THE LINE IS AN AFFECTING LOVE story between two proto-celebrities with weighty religious backgrounds trying to reckon with the disapproval that surrounds them in great heaps. In it, you cheer for infidelity, only you and Joaquin Phoenix's Johnny Cash fully convinced that June Carter (Reese Witherspoon) will save him. This is despite the fact that he has a pretty bonnet waiting at home whom he forgets more and more. "Don't give me rules," Cash laments to his first wife, Viv (Ginnifer Goodwin), chopping his hands down against the backdrop of a '60s dream home turned tacky by time to our eyes. Here he's already weary of touring life on the road and its teenage temptations, who are shown in writhing, screaming abundance. His wife has just told him that from now on he is not to even *speak* of his travels.

Cash's downfall is the meat of the movie. It isn't exactly like watching Jesus whipped to ribbons, but we certainly don't spend any time with the Man in Black in Bermuda shorts and sunglasses 30 years later vacationing with the Highwaymen and their wives, either. There's a reason his youth is explored. A formerly exclusive gospel singer gets hooked on pills and hangs out with Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Roy Orbison, all rays in the dawn of modern celebrity recording artists. That alone is a good yarn. But June Carter, who Cash has been listening to on the radio since his boyhood and stared at in magazines during an Air Force tour in Germany, joins the tour. His first marriage, well, you probably know what happened.

As the film opens at the fatefully Beatles-outselling Folsom Prison concert, we travel back to Arkansas in the 1940s, plantation life with rules from his dad (T-1000 Robert Patrick) and the wildest outside distractions for boys being fresh Foghorn Leghorn cartoons. J.R. Cash—this is a young Johnny—and his older brother Jack walk around barefoot to fishing holes, but go through a vicious ordeal which [illegible] ters their realities. To Cash histo[illegible] ans, the film begins painting the numbers in, sometimes with blo[illegible] Compared to fucking *Ray*, when everything was pretty glass and "mystic Negro" bullshit right o[illegible] Stephen King novels, *Walk the L[illegible]* speaks its dialogue in a believabl[illegible] meter, self-aware soliloquies sum[illegible] ming up the writer's themes at a pleasant low.

Sam Philips of Sun Studio gives us one of these. Not buying Cash's gospel number in a couple ways Philips asks the auditioner to grow up and sing him the song he would sing if it was the last he ever coul[illegible] It's a nice idea. In real life, Cash sung *Hey, Porter* alone with Philips instead of *Folsom Prison Blues* with his band—who miraculously pull the finished song out of the air in one session, increasing its tempo and excitement as they go along. But such is drama. A fine version of *War of the Worlds* is a musical, after all, as is this movie in the sense of playing full songs that you can parrot in their entirety. Phoenix and Witherspoon deserve golden man statues for singing the songs themselves. For them, karaoke will never be the same.

After ample self-destruction and mayhem, including a scene with Mother Maybelle Carter driving, delivering drug dealer off with a double barrel, June states that only J.R. can save himself. Maybe Cash did so with this film a little. The man signed off on the script and Phoenix's portrayal before he died. Thankfully, Phoenix, slightly less weird-looking than Cash, has about the same charisma. And even though Witherspoon looks like a baby compared to Carter, the script helps her shine through. Landing her is Cash's main goal in the film, and she sure puts him through the tiger-claw washing machine. I guess I wouldn't want to date a pill-popper, either.

It's a good story, full of winks to music geeks and honestly funny historical cameos. Because Phoenix does desperation and fear and misunderstanding so well, it's no surprise that he can also handle obsessive, narcotic love.

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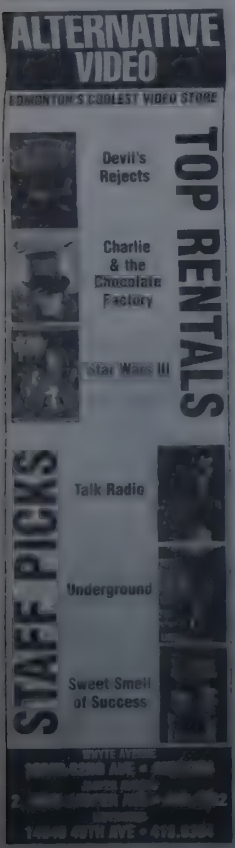
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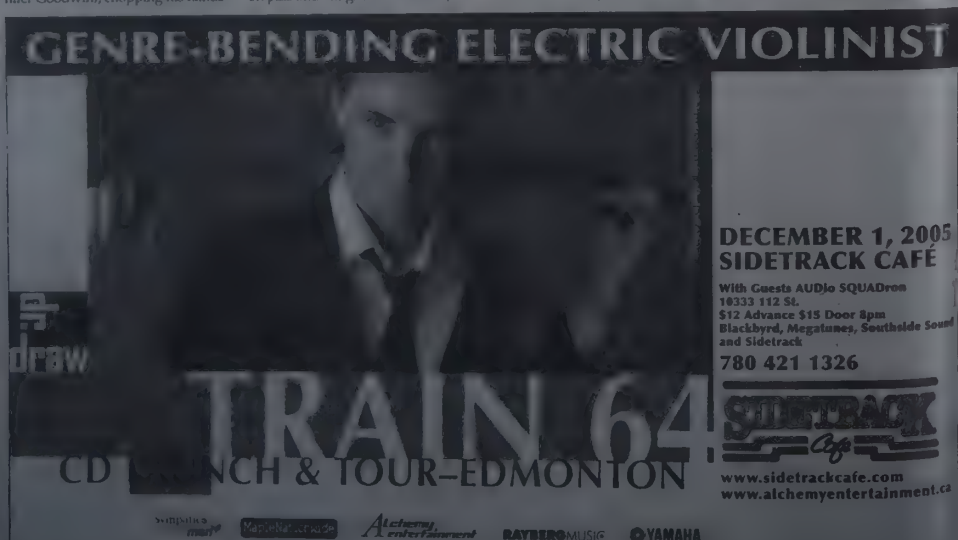
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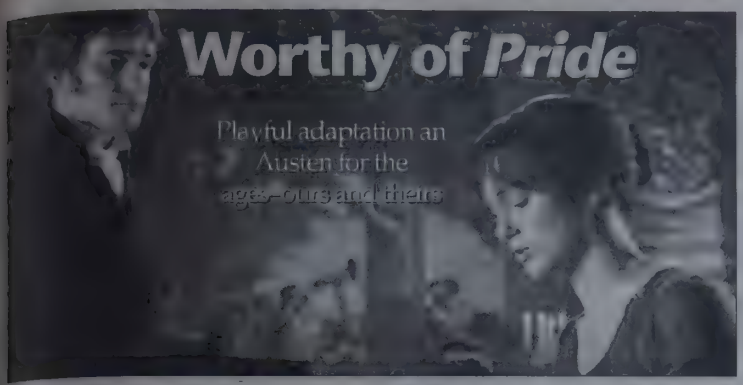

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE
Directed by Joe Wright, Starring Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFadyen, Now playing, ★★★★☆

YOU MIGHT, LIKE CERTAIN FACTIONS of the Jane Austen Society of North America, be outraged by just about every directorial decision of the latest film version of *Pride and Prejudice*. Matthew MacFadyen, at first, seems more like a sullen Brit-pop star than the haughtily instructive gentleman, Mr. Darcy. Keira Knightley is rather too waifish, her teeth a little too pointy; in fact, she grins all together too much to be the self-possessed Elizabeth Bennet.

However, if one notices that, in the movie's opening shot Elizabeth is taking (far-too-unmannered) turn around the garden with a book whose title is the working title Jane Austen used for *Pride and Prejudice*, one might begin to suspect that it is precisely this play between the definitive narrative and its innumerous other versions that director Joe Wright wants us to consider.

Nevertheless, Wright isn't just irreverently messing with Austen. Nor does he want to compete with other adaptations. His particular vision attempts to put itself in dialogue with the expectations you bring in to the theatre. For someone unfamiliar with Austen this film can be thoroughly enjoyed as a romantic comedy; however there is also a self-conscious element running throughout—a playful recognition that you, knowledgeable viewer, are scrupulously measuring Wright's rendering against the book, and probably also against the 1995 definitive BBC five-hour TV version featuring hunky Colin Firth.

THE WRIGHT MOVE

Rather than dooming the film, our own familiarity with the material—repeatedly conjured up by Wright's points of departure that provoke and delight—provides the context for Austen's richly woven world of social mobility that would otherwise be difficult to do justice to in two hours. Pretty smart of Wright.

One of the most surprisingly ironic points of departure is that the film is more of a visual than verbal treat. Wright's central aim here was to make a piece of gritty English social realism. This required his film sound and move in the manner of everyday life. And so, while the essential moments of witty sparring between Darcy and Elizabeth are lifted right from the novel and given their full glory, Wright has avoided quoting too much so as to avoid seeming stagey or static. He makes up for this by translating Austen's signature linguistic and social dance into cinematic language. Roman Osin's cinematography, like that of the French New Wave, is a mingling of youthful dream and documentary. The camera is perpetually on the move in long traveling shots that mimic courtship; it darts under covers, peers through windows and doorways. Its spinning signifies Elizabeth's romantic nature. At other times we are up close in the porous faces of characters, and scenes appear bathed in dusty natural light. Shaky hand held camera marks a confrontation between Elizabeth and the film's villain, and queen of prejudice, the Lady Catherine de Bourg played by Judi Dench.

Sarah Greenwood's production design also challenges convention by disrupting our expectations of what a historical costume-drama should look; the realism constantly reminds us of class divisions and the real vulnerability of 18th Century women, from the pseudo-gentry on down, who, if fatherless and unwed, would find it difficult to survive. The hairdos of the Bennet sisters are just a little bit more frazzled than those of real gentry, their dresses a little less pressed, their houses less kept and walls more chipped, their relationship with animals a little more intimate, and their public balls a little more sweaty. It all works as a rather comical "No!" to the silent question that arises when we watch any period piece: were people really all that different back then?

A NOD AND A WINK

The film perhaps most self-consciously teases our expectations in a scene where the Bennet women are frantically attempting to arrange the drawing room, and themselves in it, in order to receive Mr. Bingley, who has come to ask the beautiful Jane Bennet to marry him. One moment, Mrs. Bennet, played by the fantastic Brenda Blethyn, is lounging, legs spread on a couch with a small plate of sweets on her stomach, while the others slouch in various messy preoccupations around the room, the next they're all facing the door (and us, the audience) straight-backed in a perfect tableaux vivant, perhaps with a little crochet or small book in hand.

What is ultimately winning, then, about Wright's vision, besides his use of a terrific supporting cast, is his choice to stay true to his particular medium. He even dares to make a number of subtle references to other great films. For example, when Elizabeth arrives at Darcy's manner, she takes a walk through his sculpture gallery that is reminiscent of the lonely echoing hollow halls of the wealthy Charlie Kane from *Citizen Kane*. Wright's talent, through humour and attention to some of the less often looked at dynamics in *Pride and Prejudice*, compliments Austen's talent with full knowledge that, like their respective mediums, his and hers can never be the same.

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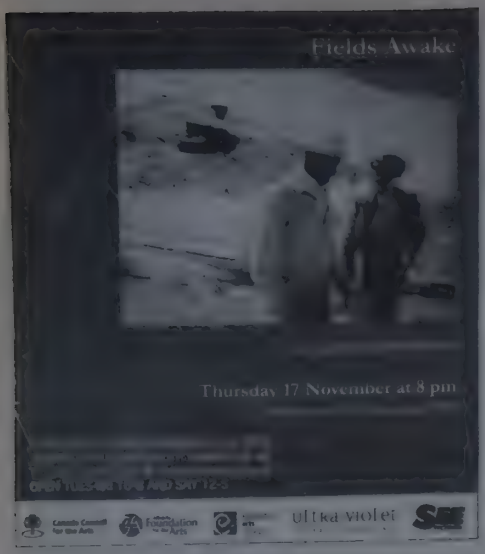

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CINERAMA

NOW THAT *HARRY POTTER AND THE Goblet of Fire* has officially inaugurated this year's holiday movie run, the Internet has become flooded with trailers and pop-up ads trying in vain to attach themselves to our ever fickle cinephilic tendencies. And while sorting through the tripe and the trash can run the gamut from funny to just plain frustrating (especially if you have to download some new program to see the blasted thing), there are always some bombs that get dropped on us trailer hounds that make the lost hours all worthwhile. Take for instance:

Munich: This historical Steven Sprelberg thriller, set for release on December 23rd, caused a buzz when its foreboding one sheet was accidentally uploaded onto the Internet a month back. The trailer for the film, which concerns a secret Israeli squad's attempt to track those responsible for the massacre of 11 athletes at the 1972 Olympics, is as intense as teasers can get, and by the looks of the cast (Eric Bana, Daniel Craig, Geoffrey Rush) it's going to be next in a line of darker more intense films (*Minority Report*, *War of the Worlds*) by the once family-friendly director.

The Promise: Holy crap. Chen Kaige's martial arts fantasy looks whack (in a good way)! When the first trailer for this superbly overblown fairy tale hit the KFC forum (that's "kung-fu cinema" by the way) it was nearly impossible to digest due to its short length and lack of English subtitling. Since then, two more trailers have appeared for China's submission for the "best foreign film" Oscar, and, though they still lack translation, they divulge some crucial info about the world of the film. For one, if you run fast enough, you can fly your girlfriend like a kite.

The Fountain: The story behind Darren Aronofsky's mind bending sci-fi drama actually begins back in 2002 when he, Brad Pitt, and Cate Blanchett joined forces to bring the 1000-year metaphysical romance to life. When they parted on bad terms due to the usual creative difficulties, the film was halted until Hugh Jackman and Rachel Weisz were brought on board as the film's new protagonists. Chock full of tantalizing images of weathered knights, contemporary winter lands and futuristic color-fields, the first teaser is a frustrating and artful use of montage promotion

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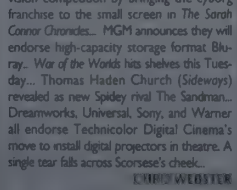

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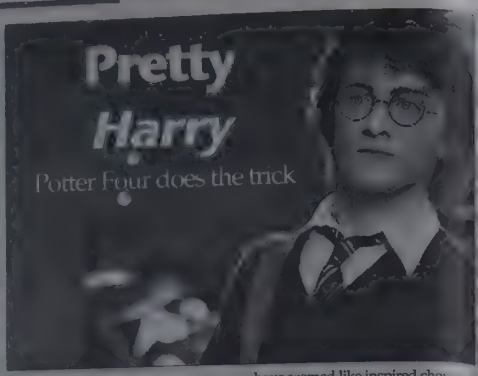


HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE
Directed by Mike Newell, Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Michael Gambon, Opens Fri, Nov 18, ★★★★½

THAT'S PRETTY GOOD STORYTELLING, really

Ok, the androcentric J.K. Rowling is pretty handy with the ol' making stuff up, but hand it to director Mike Newell for keeping *Harry Potter and the*... uh... *Garland of Weeds*, or whatever—it's always something, eh?—from coming across as an awkwardly nailed together sequence of episodes in the life of the youngish wizard. Even though it comes in at over two and a half hours—apparently Newell resisted the studio's desire to make two movies—this *Potter* is quite the feat of compression.

And of expansion. The idea people here really get the idea of how magical space is, whether you're Newell, and Newell doesn't lay the special effects on too thick. That means there's enough space that you can see what's happening, which is always scarier than the jumbled Mess of Doom that we usually get. (*Donnie Brasco*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*) was reportedly paid less than a tenth of what Chris Columbus got to direct the first installment, but he's so much more adept, sophisticated, subtle, adventurous.

Newell has pulled it off despite inheriting a unfortunate casting legacy. Daniel Radcliffe (Harry) and Emma Watson (Hermione) must have seemed like inspired choices when they were adorably fuzzy 'tweens, but now that they're teens only the publics identification of them with their characters has saved them from their disparate failings (Radcliffe is wooden, Watson has earned a green belt in scene chewing).

So Newell just makes the movie around them, never quite pushing them out the way, but keeping your eyes elsewhere, on the actually talented Rupert Grint (Ron), on little bits of otherworldly oddness (the Columbus version seems more like a trip to Toys 'R' Us), on just-scary-enough action, and... on actual actors.

Look at all the names! A partial list includes Ralph Fiennes, Miranda Richardson, Alan Rickman, Robbie Coltrane, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Timothy Spall, Eric Sykes, Gary Oldman... why if this were the '70s and the names were American, this sort of all-star line-up would be the sure sign that the flick was about a burning skyscraper or an overturned luxury liner.

But this is no disaster, this *Harry Potter and the Cupboard of Fireworks*. The story? Well, you probably know it already—as much of the appreciative audience (see below) at the preview screening did—but it hardly matters: Harry goes on an adventure, which good and dark rather than sickly treacly, with a dry sense of humour underneath it all.

A point? None, really. But it fires the imagination all the same.

KEVIN WILSON

Potteriffic

Scary and funny at once!

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE was an amazing movie. In this film they showed and described all the main ideas very well. In my opinion, all the points were there. The mystery gradually came together, but the characters didn't give away the solution. You had to find it yourself.

You didn't have to read the book to understand. I am confident that everyone understood the movie, if you forgot something it would come back to you.

The movie was good at representing the main idea of the tournament: to challenge the champions in "their magical prowess, their daring, their powers of deduction, and of course, their ability to cope with danger." Each of the challenges was well-represented.

The tasks looked very scary. The monsters always looked terrifying. They would break free and become uncontrollable. Also, the monsters would attack just when you would think Harry got away.

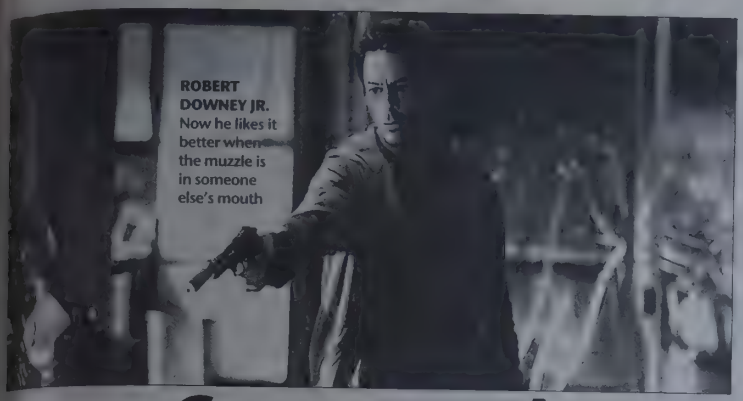
Another thing is you felt like Harry. If attack scenes where creatures were coming at Harry rapidly, you could see what Harry was seeing. By his actions, you got Harry's feelings at the time. You could feel the fear and fury.

As Harry Potter was three years younger than the other champions he had three years less of magical education. The way they represented that he was three years younger, was great. You could see that Harry was behind in his magical learning quite easily.

One of the interesting things about the movie was that it was scary and funny at the same time. They would put funny after scary. The movie was full of laughter and shivers. At the right parts, it was just scary. In really scary parts you were very scared and shivering.

It was a great film. I really recommend it, but sit with a parent.

MJ SOMERVILLE
Potter enthusiast



ROBERT DOWNEY JR. Now he likes it better when the muzzle is in someone else's mouth

Goon squad

Soft-boiled comic crime thriller packs punches and punch lines

KISS KISS, BANG BANG
Directed by Shane Black, Starring Robert Downey Jr., Val Kilmer, Michelle Monaghan and Corbin Bersen. Now playing. ★★★½

WHEN THE HELL IS THE *MONSTER* SQUAD gonna show up on DVD? The kids versus creatures opus hasn't had a release since it first came out in the '80s on crap-and-scan VHS and it's seriously overdue for renaissance. "Wolf Man has nards?"—gold, pure gold. It also happens to be the best film penned by screenwriter Shane Black (all four *Lethal Weapon* movies, *Last Action Hero*, *The Long Kiss Goodnight*, and *The Last Boy Scout*), until his latest: *Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang*—also his directorial debut.

If you can get over the initial disappointment of it not featuring Dracula, The Wolf Man, The Mummy or any other monsters, the self-reflexive soft boiled detective-comedy has its own entertaining cast of Hollywood ne'er do wells. Former dope zombie Robert Downey Jr. stars as Harry Lockhart, a low-rent thief turned actor... posing as a private detective. He's also the film's narrator, who's apt to joke with the audience, wander off-topic and jump around in the plot. Avoid piss breaks during this sucker.

After a sleazy L.A. party introduces the vice-ridden world of the west coast crime fable, Harry runs into overly-named Harmony Faith Lane (Michelle Monaghan), a cute actress who's still chasing a childhood Hollywood dream into her mid-30s. She also happens to be Harry's childhood crush, so when her sister turns up dead, he pretends to be a genuine private dick just to get close to her. He's really just researching a role at the studio's request with the help of "Gay Perry" (Val Kilmer), an actual P.I. who is in fact gay. They become uneasy partners when their stakeout ends with a body in a trunk, goons trying to frame Harry for murder, and a trail of death tied to Lane's sister that leads back to wealthy socialite Harlan Dexter (Corbin Bersen).

There's enough outrageous happenstance, fortuitous coincidence, and comedic irony in the plot that it couldn't be played straight, even if that was Black's intention. Instead, the film is like Tarantino doing an Elmore Leonard-penned riff on *Chinatown*. The characters are smooth, their banter theatrically witty, the violence is strong but cartoony, there's profanity aplenty and the film is constantly dissecting itself with self-aware commentary. At one point Harry even promises, "Don't worry, I saw *Lord of the Rings*. I'm not going to end this 17 times."

It sounds like a recipe for annoying, but most of the time it works. The dumb Hollywood action movie B.S. and "clever" dialogue that pollutes Black's other films, "Goon Squad" excluded, of course, seem right at home in *KK BB* because the audience is in on the hypertext. Lane's this partial adaptation of Brett Halliday novel *Bodies Are Easier to Find Them* is genuinely clever, the major sticking point between Tarantino and most of his imitators. Harry and Perry are [illegible] with Downey Jr. playing the boy, [illegible] charming but inexperienced screw-up against Kilmer's suave, sharp-tongued professional.

With a background in dumb "guy" movies (*Monster Squad* exempted, yo), it's no surprise Black doesn't really sell Harmony as a girl worth putting yourself on the line for. The character's an interesting mix of the "good girl," "tough girl," and "femme fatale" but Monaghan can't quite sell it.

Most of the pistons are firing, though, and *Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang* runs smoothly enough as a laugh out-loud post-modern murder mystery. Entertainment guaranteed. Even without Dracula.

DAVE ALEXANDER

The film is like Tarantino doing an Elmore Leonard-penned riff on *Chinatown*.

Through smoke and mirrors

Clooney direction works in timely Murrow biopic

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK
Directed by George Clooney, Starring David Strathairn, Robert Downey Jr., Patricia Clarkson, Ray Wise and George Clooney. Now playing. ★★★½

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK IS THE kind of film cinematographers make a bulge in their pants over. It's in black and white and full of smokers, which means it's full of smoke, which looks gorgeous in monochrome, especially when lit for dramatic effect. And there's so much smoking in this film, you can probably get lung cancer just from watching it.

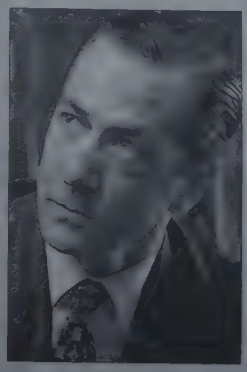
George Clooney's indie drama isn't [illegible] that much artistic license with the cancer fog, though. It does take place in the '50s, after all, and its subject, legendary journalist Edward R. Murrow—was a chain smoker. In fact, he died of lung cancer in 1965, just after his 57th birthday.

In his short life Murrow became a famous newsman for his work with CBS, first as a radio correspondent during WWII in Europe, and later as the host for his CBS Evening News and editorials and celebrity interviews on a segment called *Person to Person*. While his one-on-ones with famous people set the form, Murrow lost his heart and head in hard news. He's best remembered for his [illegible] scrutiny of Senator Joe McCarthy's crusade to accuse average American citizens of being communists, the [illegible] of the Red Scare [illegible] Murrow took [illegible] task on-air, using film [illegible] narrator to point out contradictions, inaccuracy, and hypocrisy. It effectively led to the end of McCarthy's political career.

Although Murrow led a dramatic life, going from son of a dirt farmer to recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Clooney, to his credit, doesn't go the obvious heartstring-pulling bio route. Instead he focuses solely on the behind-the-scenes effects Murrow's stand against McCarthy had on the CBS news team. The always-excellent David Strathairn—a regular in John Sayles movies—plays Murrow with a cool, contemplative whimsy. As his editorials get him and the team in hotter and hotter water with the network, advertisers, and the government, the tension manifests itself in thoughtful pauses, raised brows, and subtle one-liners cutting through the haze of smoke.

He's joined by Ray Wise as troubled anchorman Don Hollenbeck, Frank Langella as Murrow's boss William Paley, Clooney as producer Fred Friendly, and Jeff Daniels, Robert Downey Jr., and Patricia Clarkson as other real life CBS employees who worked with Murrow. McCarthy is played only by himself, in archival footage of the trials and his on-air attacks against Murrow.

Clooney, having already proven himself no slouch in the director's chair with the fantastic *Confessions of Dangerous Mind*, makes strong choices—the ever-present organic swirls of cigarette smoke contrast nicely with the stark, sterile office and studio environments of the network. Not everything works, however. A subplot involving a secret marriage is pointless and boring. Worse, audience members without a fair bit of historical background on Murrow, CBS, and the McCarthy era will struggle to understand the plot. Without a doubt, *Good Night, and Good Luck* is a labour of love not for the casual popcorn crowd.



Given its politically charged theme, subtle character drama, slow pacing, and particularly the presence of Strathairn, *Good Night, and Good Luck* is like the John Sayles movie that John Sayles never made. Although it's not perfect, Clooney, who also co-wrote the script with Grant Heslov, is inspiring as an artist who usually swims in the mainstream going hard against the current. He's come a helluva long way from starring in *Batman 4*, and that can only be a good thing.

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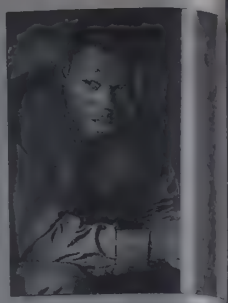

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'
[illegible] Cent' Jackson. Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje
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BASED ON THE LIFE OF RAP'S CURRENT heavyweight champion, Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* is the story of a young man living in a world of drugs and violence who wants a better life for himself and his family and who sees his talent for rap music as a means to that end. The film is part biopic, part gangster movie, part mystery, and at one point it's even part *Rocky* training montage. So the only parts that are missing are the ones about it being interesting to watch and possibly somewhat entertaining.

Director Jim Sheridan knows the limitations of his lead actor and wisely decides to keep Mr. Cent's dialogue to two sentences or less at a time (usually less), while also limiting his acting requirements to the basics of being either happy, sad, or angry. The supporting cast is given the opportunity to play many of Hollywood's favorite cliché characters—the older, respectable crime boss, the ruthless next-generation crime boss, the caring girlfriend, the funny and loyal friend and, of course, the wise grandmother. And, as expected, it all rolls along with the aid of a bass-pounding hip hop soundtrack, which of course is provided by the film's star.

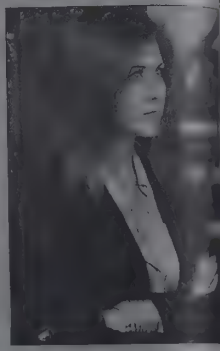
This movie could have been an uplifting story of an underdog's rise to success, but instead it simply glorifies the idea that no matter how many horrible things you do in your life, as long as you can fulfill your dreams, it's all good. It's hard for an audience to sympathize with or even care about a character's situation when he's choosing to do things that are harmful and dangerous to not only himself, but also t[illegible] around him.

There are no inspiring messag[illegible] found, but there is a scene in wh[illegible] the characters declares that he's jus[illegible] the money. How fitting. It's clear [illegible] opportunity to cash in on 50 Cent [illegible] popularity is the only reason this f[illegible] got made.

ANDREW AITKENHEA[illegible]

Tunnel vision

Aniston, Owen undermined by lousy story



DERAILED
Directed by Mikael Hafstrom. Starring Clive Owen, Jennifer Aniston, Vincent Cassel, RZA.
[illegible] ★★★

WE HAVE REACHED A DISPIRITING epoch in Hollywood history, with the early-thirtysomethings who avidly tuned in to *Dukes of Hazzard* on Friday nights and had endless video screenings of *Fatal Attraction* at their teen slumber parties steadily gaining greenlighting power.

Witness the summer's useless *Dukes* remake and now *Derailed*, an admittedly stylish but otherwise lifeless homage-wannabe to the 1987 Glenn Close-Michael Douglas hit, that seems to exist to prove two things: with five films set for release, Clive Owen will overtake Jude Law as Tinseltown's busiest Brit if it kills him, and with the same number in the pipeline, Jennifer Aniston will erase *Friends*' Rachel from people's memories if it kills her. Guys, we honestly get it. Their missions would be simplified if their films had meaty script to match their style and talents. Despite the best efforts of the leads and Swedish director Mikael Hafstrom, Stuart Beattie's character-deficient script just isn't up to the task with its dogged reliance on stock characters in stock situations.

Things just aren't going well for married Chicago ad executive Charles Schine (Owen). His outside-the-lines style at work has cost him a prestigious account, and at home his marriage is indifferent. He's caught without train fare one day, and is captivated by the attractive investment advisor who comes to his aid. Lucinda Harris (Anniston) is also in an ennui-saddled marriage and boldly admits to cheating her clients. The couple verbally dance around the inevitable, and when Charles attempts to repay her kindness the following day, their tryst is interrupted by thug Laroche (Vincent Cassel). To save their families, they don't call the cops. But Laroche is not so shy about insinuating himself into Charlie's life with a huge extortion demand.

It behooves me not to say more plotwise, but a noirish and moody thriller like *Derailed* must make us care about what happens to its characters. Owen certainly has Charlie's guilt down pat, but he is far too passive for someone fighting to save his family s[illegible] not asking for Harrison Ford's *Air Force O[illegible]* histrionics, but come on already. The star[illegible] *Croupier* and *Closer* deserves better. Ani[illegible] embodied the depressed housewife perfe[illegible] in *The Good Girl*, but her Lucinda is reduc[illegible] to a mere sketch in the underbaked scri[illegible] as is George's Deanna. And when you [illegible] neither for wife or mistress but only for [illegible] sick daughter, you're in trouble. desp[illegible] moderate chemistry between the leads.

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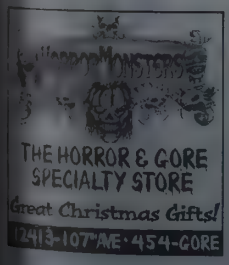
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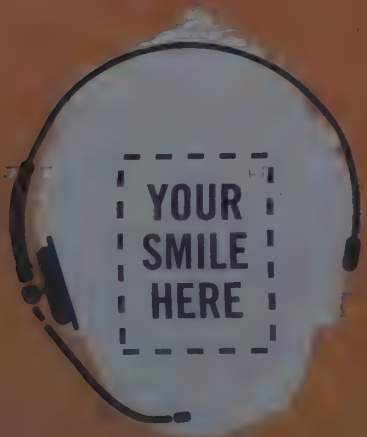

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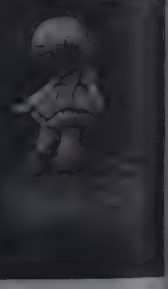

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A History of Violence (18A) Viggo Mortensen stars as [illegible] small town diner owner and pillar of his peaceful community. He's about as Norman Rockwell as [illegible] which makes it all that more shocking when he [illegible] away a pair of murderous thugs that terror[illegible] one night. *A History of Violence* is [illegible] uncomfortable and thought provoking, but it's [illegible] accessible and entertaining. It's one of [illegible] winning best works, and may just put him [illegible] back with the non-arthouse crowds. ★★★★½ (DA)

The 40-Year-Old Virgin (18A) If you know Steve [illegible] sales on *The Daily Show*, in *Anchor Man*, or [illegible] version of *The Office*, there's no question [illegible] can carry a comedy. Andy's (Carell) predicament [illegible] reaction to it is more realistic than many [illegible] like to admit, but the film doesn't turn him [illegible] cartoon nerd. In fact, co-writers Carell [illegible] Judd Apatow (*The Larry Saunders Show*, [illegible] weeks) never let the film lag or spiral into [illegible] and when they resort to pop-culture references, they make 'em count. ★★★★½ (DA)

Chicken Little (G) Disney's first computer animated [illegible] without longtime partner Pixar, including the staples [illegible] animation: a plucky hero rising above [illegible] pop-culture winks. But by using a lit[illegible] living invasion as the movie's centerpiece, [illegible] Dindal and writers Robert L. Baird and Steve [illegible] actually make a *War of the Worlds* remake. [illegible] to prove themselves, shouting [illegible] don't need em!" while self-consciously aping [illegible] partner. But there is still much to admire in [illegible] chemistry, the political satire, the [illegible] inventive ending. ★★★★½ (MH)

The Constant Gardener (14A) *The Constant Gardener*, [illegible] John le Carre bestseller, thanks to Oscar-[illegible] director Fernando (*City of God*) Meirelles, is a [illegible] political thriller with a social conscience. Ralph [illegible] is a revelation as a man pushed beyond [illegible] he unravels the circumstances of his wife [illegible] and death and Rachel Weisz gives the dedicat[illegible] bloodedness that's missing from most of [illegible] Hollywood work. All of these elements combine [illegible] *The Constant Gardener* a resonant and captivating film, one of the best thrillers of the year. ★★★★★ (MH)

The Dark Hours (18A) Claustrophobic and manipulative *The Dark Hours* is enough to make you nail your [illegible] Sam, David, and Melody teeter on the edge [illegible] personal revelations at the same time as they [illegible] to prevent further violence from evil Harlan. But what you imagine to be one of those "crazy things that people are willing to do to survive" stories (which it also is, and it's gruesome) manages another layer, which explains some of the visual and narrative inconsistencies that you might otherwise dismiss as sloppy filmmaking. Pay attention! It's not. ★★★★☆ (MS)

REBEL, REBEL
Check out Jimmy, Natalie, and their other ill-fated pals at Metro Cinema's James Dean retrospective, Nov 18 - 21.

Dreamer: Inspired by a Real Story (G) At first glance, *Dreamer* has all the ingredients of an outstanding family film. There's a girl, her injured horse, and a big race. Dakota Fanning, 11-year old gifted *Man on Fire* star, gets a chance to use her acting muscles again after screaming her head off in *War of the Worlds*. But somewhere on the way to answering *The Black Stallion*, writer-director John Gatins gets lost in a maze of colorless secondary characters and a totally unnecessary breeding subplot, lowering the movie's sights somewhat to a Saturday afternoon Family Channel movie. ★★★☆½ (MH)

In Her Shoes (PG) Based on the best selling "chick-lit" novel by Jennifer Weiner, *In Her Shoes* is a smart, heart-warming story of love and forgiveness. Clearly straight-laced Rose (Toni Colette) and her out-of-control baby sister, Maggie (Cameron Diaz) are supposed to be polar opposites—with only their shoe size in common—but Director Curtis Hanson and screenwriter Susannah Grant (*Erin Brockovich*) do such a superb job of creating depth in the siblings' tumultuous relationship that their wafer-thin tension becomes natural and real. ★★★★☆ (AF)

Jarhead (18A) Sam Mendes' latest isn't—despite what some reviewers insist—a recruitment movie. Based on the memoir of former US marine Anthony Swofford, which recounts his service during the first Gulf War, it's not really an anti-war movie either. Remaining surprisingly apolitical throughout, its power is derived instead from the way in which it measures the human cost of war—less in terms of battlefield statistics than in the subtle, degenerative psychological effect that it sends through a generation and a society. ★★★☆½ (LL)

Just Like Heaven (PG) *Just Like Heaven* aspires to be a throwback to unabashed Ghostly movie romanticism. From the outset, it's obvious that it wants to say something profound about life and love, but screenwriters Peter Tolan and Leslie Dixon doggedly keep stuffing it into the roman hc comedy straitjacket. Some moments do get through and the engaging, chemistry-drenched performances of Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo make it an enjoyable experience, if not quite a romance for the ages. ★★★½☆ (MH)

The Legend of Zorro (PG) A swashbuckling period flick that sprinkles elements of Bond and Hitchcock into a repast of period high adventure. Thanks to the efforts of *Island* writers Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman, the world of Zorro has some shadow to it, what with both the political machi nations involving California's impending statehood and the pressures of being a married folk hero. A hefty agenda for a popcorn flick, to be sure, but the challenge is mastered by director Martin Campbell and returning stars Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Jones. They turn what could have been a ponderous mess into a rousing piece of escapism. ★★★★☆ (MH)

Prime (PG) Should 37-year-old Rafi and 23-year-old David work through the kinks in their relationship, when in reality it shouldn't be anything more than a fling? Can their relationship work with such a large age gap between them? Wasn't this movie more enjoyable way back at the beginning when Meryl Streep's character played a more important part? *Prime* is a relatively enjoyable romantic comedy, that despite its flaws, has some genuinely funny and heartfelt moments. ★★★☆½ (NC)

Red Eye (PG) Boring Rachel McAdams (*Mean Girls*, *Wedding Crashers*) stars as Lisa, a mildly troubled hotel manager on a red eye flight who meets a somewhat attractive stranger. Once they're airborne, the sort-of creepy Jack (Cillian Murphy) tells her he'll have her father killed if she doesn't phone work and move a government official to a more terror target-friendly room. Although Wes Craven's unimaginative direction and the all-around blasé performances do their damage, screenwriter Carl Ellsworth's ludicrous plot is crippling. After this and *Cursed*, it seems Craven has hung a "Gone Fishin'" sign on his career. ★☆☆☆☆ (DA)

Saw II (18A) Last year's low-budget *Saw* was a hit: melding mindfucks with hideously inventive killing devices, and lighting it like a music video was a combo that clicked. Like its prequel, *Saw II* is beyond preposterous in terms of plot ting. But if you've already suspended your disbelief the sequel should fit the bill. Aside from improved performances and decent direction, there are some real tense moments and despite its flaws, it does right what most contemporary horror films do wrong: it focuses on the horror. ★★★☆ (DA)

Serenity (14A) For those who want more out of their sci-fi adventures than the orderliness of *Star Trek* or the easy good versus evil morality of *Star Wars*, look no further than *Serenity*, writer-director Joss Whedon's big-screen continuation of his lamentably short-lived 2003 Fox TV series *Firefly*. Doctor Simon Tam (Sean Maher) breaks his telepathically gifted and fragile 17-year-old sister River (Summer Glau) out of a sinister Alliance training center. The pair become fugitives aboard Serenity. ★★★★½ (MH)

The Squid and The Whale (18A) As it packs in a lot of telling details about everyone's behaviour, one almost doesn't notice that the plot is actually quite thin: a failing marriage, the parents separate. Bernard gets a house not far away, with kids Walt and Frank splitting their weeks between him and ex-wife Joan. There is a strong sense of too much happening too quickly for the children to absorb it all. What makes this movie more than just an extended complaint at how badly parents can behave is that it more about Walt unlearning the bad habits his parent have instilled in him. ★★★★ (LL)

Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) *Chicken Run* co-creator Nick Park returns to his roots with the long awaited and [illegible] the dynamic duo of British Wallace and Gromit. The fastidious and talkative Wallace and his silent but no less expressive pooch, Gromit, [illegible] *Were-Rabbit* and for newcomers with the possible exception of the Oscar-nominated short *A Grand Day Out* will find much to smile about in this inventive, warm and downright goofy ode to veggies, rabbits and old werewolf movies. The kids probably won't get [illegible] the [illegible] but they will laugh their heads off, and so will you. ★★★★ (MH)

War of the Worlds (14A) Spielberg's nastiest work since *Jaws*: Tom Cruise is Ray Ferrier, a dock worker better at fixing engines than stocking the fridge when he's kids visit. When global lightning storms herald a Martian invasion, he's gotta be at his most responsible and resourceful: save his kids and reunite them with their mother in Boston. The trio experiences the evils of human nature (a centrical feature of Wells' book) in the form of panicked masses, narrow escapes along the Eastern seaboard and a river of corpses. It's an onslaught that efficiently pays lip service to previous incarnations of the story, and updates it using plenty of first-rate special effects. ★★★★½ (DA)

Water (PG) Deepa Mehta's latest film was almost never completed. Mehta originally began production [illegible] until an angry mob sabotaged and later destroyed the sets. *Water* was re-shot secretly in Sri Lanka, and debuted at the Toronto Film Festival five years later. When Chuyia (first time actor Sarala) learns she is a widow, she is sent by her father to live as a beggar with other widows. *Water* some times seems overly straightforward and unsubtle, sledge hammering home its sympathy with the women. But lest we think that it's obvious and didactic, we are reminded widows are still mistreated in the 21st Century. ★★★½☆ (MS)

Zathura (PG) When I saw the trailer for the new family space flick *Zathura*, I thought, "Wow. It's *Jumanji* in space. Just what I'm looking for." Little did I know, *Zathura* is actually based a short story written by Chris Van Allsburg (a.k.a. the same guy who wrote the children's book *Jumanji*) so it's actually the novelist, not the studio, who ripped off his own idea. With *Zathura*, director Jon Favreau has ultimately delivered a family film that is far more engaging than its predecessor, that rare family film that will entertain both children and adults. ★★★½☆ (NC)

Reviewers: Dave Alexander, James Elford, Nathan Cuckow, Michael Evans, Fish Griwkowsky, Sparkle Hayter, Mike Hebert, Anthony King, Scott Langley, Celia Nichols, Mari Sasano, Zoltan Varadi, Kevin Wilson

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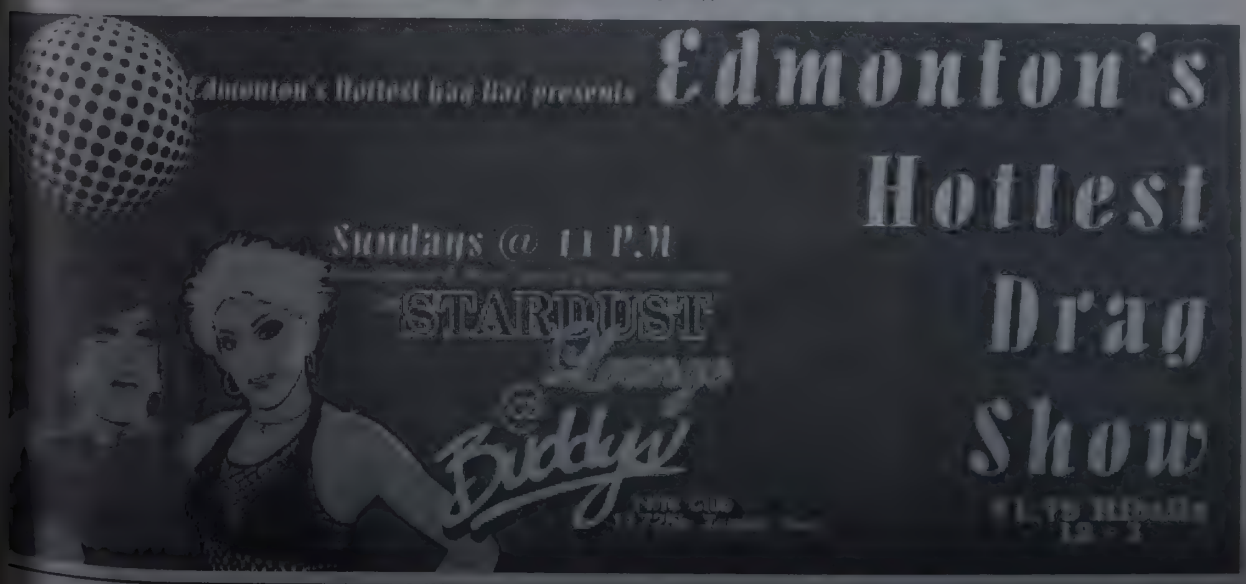

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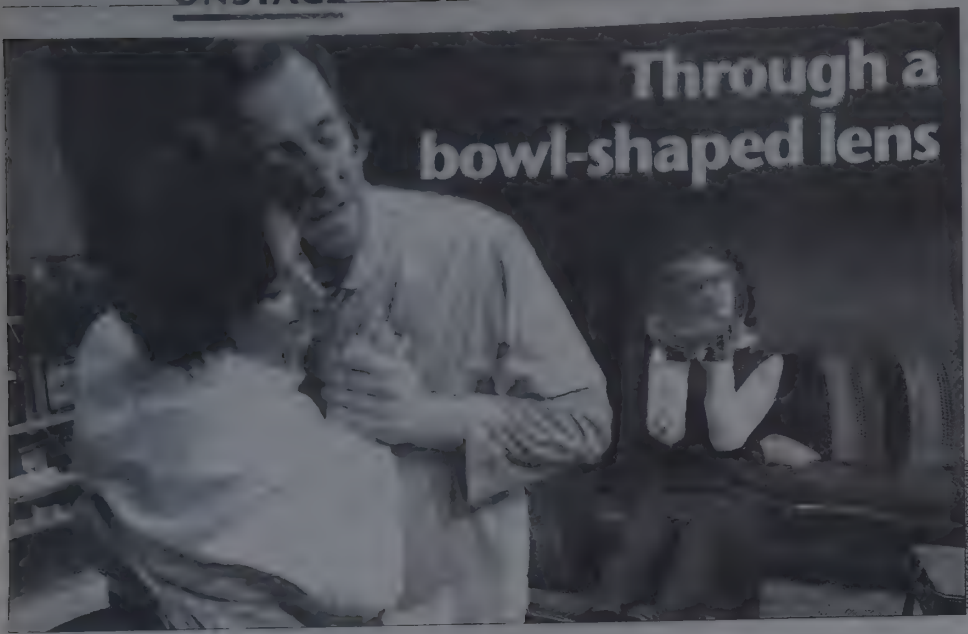

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Award-winning play views intersection of reality and absurdity with a child's clarity

GIRL IN THE GOLDFISH BOWL
By Morris Panych, Theatre Network. Directed by Bradley Moss. Starring Clinton Carew, [illegible] Livingstone and George Szilagyi. Nov 17 - Dec 4. Tue - Sat 8 pm. Sun 2 pm. Roxy Theatre (10708-124 St). Tickets $22 $18 [illegible]

[illegible] al award-winning play *Girl in the Goldfish Bowl*, a kind of kitchen-sink absurdist-memory play hybrid, dramatizes the recollections of ten-year [illegible] coping with the imminent divorce of her parents.

[illegible] you've grown up," says Iris. "It's the moment you stop being happy and start remembering when you used to be."

The play is set in 1962, a year that seems to represent to Panych a profound loss of cultural innocence—the transition from post-WWII afterglow to the Cuban missile crisis. Vatican II, the dawn of the civil rights and women's movements and other social upheavals. Only in this case, the bewildered child takes responsibility not only for marital collapse but for all the ills that beset the world as she passes from childhood to adulthood. The catalyst for this chorus of disasters is the death of her goldfish.

"I've never seen a child captured so vibrantly in a play," says director Bradley Moss. "Morris has channeled this young girl. She springs from something really personal, to explore [illegible] by Panych."

The work presents real challenges to Moss and his cast.

"In many ways, this is [Panych's] most realistic work, but, at the same time, it's surreal, absurd. You can't pile weird on top of weird just because the characters are wacky—you have to play it straight, but that's tough. That's the only way to realize the beauty of this wonderfully well-written play."

Iris is nothing if not precocious. Her godmother chastises her for being a "smarty pants," to which Iris replies that she only seems that way to people who are not as smart as she is—but she's still a child.

"Just like any kid in that situation," says Moss, "she's trying to hold it together."

Iris's mother, Sylvia (Cathy Derkach), seeking escape from a loveless marriage, is lost in reverie about her "true love," killed in the Second World War, before she married Iris's father, Owen (George Szilagyi), who returned damaged but alive.

"It's almost notational," says Derkach, also a musician, of the play. "It's so precise, with its pauses, and false starts. It sounds accidental, but the rhythms are very deliberate."

Owen, addicted to painkillers that have deadened his emotions as well, has retreated into an obsession with geometry, substituting spatial relations—particularly the non-Euclidian theory of Nikolai Lobachevsky that postulates two parallel lines must meet at infinity—for a lack of intimacy in his marriage.

This almost clichéd separation between the parents—too familiar perhaps to those subscribers to Venus and Mars theories of the feminine and masculine principles—achieves a painfully hilarious expression when, at the height of an argument, Owen asks his wife, "C[illegible] you be more abstract, please?"

"We have to carry the weigh[illegible] the real world, even if the wo[illegible] remembered by Iris isn't real," [illegible] Szilagyi. "It's not about presentation [illegible] you can't rely on tricks. This is get[illegible] ting back to real acting, findin[illegible] emotional honesty at the cor[illegible]

The fourth member of the house[illegible] hold, the boarder who is also Iris's godmother (Linda Grass), is an alco[illegible] holic seducer of war veterans st[illegible] in big-band music and beehive hair[illegible] dos, hanging desperately on to t[illegible] certainties of the war era that a[illegible] now unmistakably past their d[illegible] date.

In an attempt to heal her home and the world, Iris brings home the mysterious "Mr. Lawrence" (Clinton Carew)—possibly an escaped convict, possibly suffering from a brain injury, longing to belong—who she believes is the reincarnation of her goldfish and who has the power to restore her childhood order.

Mr. Lawrence, who due to his evi[illegible] dently damaged psyche is an unwi[illegible] ting repository for the hopes (or fear[illegible] of others, begins to represent some[illegible] thing else to the adults. To Sylvia, he represents the mysterious stranger, the possibility of revisiting a long-dead passion. Owen is threatened by this vague personality, perhaps too reminiscent of his own retreat. [illegible] boarder sees another conquest. Their competing hopes are, of course, irrec[illegible] oncilable and Iris's wish to restore harmony devolves into an oddly restorative chaos.

"This story is really sad," says Moss, "but really funny, too.

"Iris is like children everywhere—they're the ones who speak the truth in the room that no one else w[illegible] to acknowledge. She speaks with kid-like graces."

MICHAEL EVA[illegible]

'I've never seen a child captured so vibrantly in a play. Morris has channeled this young girl...'

DIRECTOR BRADLEY MOS[illegible]

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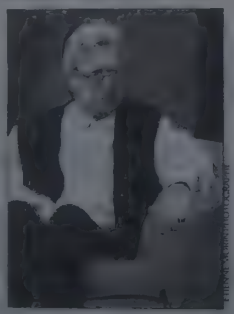
RENOWNED QUÉBÉCOIS ACTOR [illegible] Millaire [illegible] production of *Visites à M. Green (Visiting Mr. Green)* is as Canadian a theatrical experience as you can get.

[illegible] could say this is a definition of Canadian [illegible] of a French-language play [illegible] New York [illegible] Millaire [illegible] directed [illegible] dressing landmark plays in both French- and English-Canada, including stints with the Stratford Festival.

"It's a wonderful work, a powerful debut, and as New York a story as you can get, in this case spoken with [illegible] acclaimed and oft-produced play by American playwright Jeff Baron is a special Canadian translation, by famous Québécois playwright Michel Tremblay.

[illegible] of the 1996 two-character play [illegible] and successful New York [illegible] nearly run [illegible] Mr. Green. As [illegible] Ross is [illegible] on [illegible] related [illegible]

[illegible] Ross' nine visits to Green, sees Millaire visits



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that aren't initially appre[illegible] because the [illegible] doesn't want the young professional checking in on him.

"The two really fight at first. This is a really profoundly real play that embodies a strong message about intolerance and has you leaving the theatre with a sense of hope," he says.

Millaire says the play is also about misunderstandings between generations, and religious gaps, noting the 50-year age spread and the religious tensions between the pious older Jewish man and his younger, non-religious counterpart.

"The Generation Gap is not a subject we often see addressed on TV or cinema mainly because there's not much being written or produced for older people in general. Yet I've seen young girls in their 20s, in fact people of all generations, coming to this show and leaving in tears. Everybody is represented in this show in some way and there are a lot of surprises. Ultimately that's what makes the play work," noting that it's vitally important from him to play the 86-year-old Green without dipping [illegible]

As for the religious gap, Millaire sees the play's message about the misapplication of religious laws as being both strong and fresh.

"Religion can be very annoying if not well interpreted and if its laws are too strongly imposed. Green is very out of touch with the world and is clinging to religion as a shield after the loss of his wife."

While *Visites à M. Green* is just one of a long line of new theatrical work that Millaire has helped debut over his long career, this wasn't always the case for the thespian, who started his career presenting works of Shakespeare in French back in 1955. He remembers the day when English- and French-Canada were totally colonial in their attitudes towards theatre, looking exclusively to France and England for theatrical content.

"It all changed in late '60s and early '70s when people suddenly turned away from France and England to our own product. It went so far for a while that young people didn't want to hear about anything international and only wanted to see local stuff."

Millaire says the *Visites à M.* [illegible] tour—which continues to 200 [illegible] will eventually play 150 towns and cities—has been uniformly positive to date, including a two-week, large, sold-out run in Toronto.

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REVIEW

STEWART LEMOINE MAY HAVE JUST written the definitive love letter to the Edmonton theatre community.

In his new work, *At the Zenith of the Empire*, Lemoine whisks his audience back to pre-World War One Edmonton when the Divine Sarah Bernhardt played two performances at the Empire Theatre in a Vaudeville show. Her imminent appearance as the doomed Margurite Gauthier in the final act of *La Dame aux Camelias* throws the people of Edmonton, as voracious a theatre audience then as now, into a tizzy.

Amid the expected kvetching and cavorting as the theatrical set vies for tickets and "bones up on Bernhardt" the show merges a poignant love story—as long as in the theatre again brings Virginie Heroe (Davina Stewart) face to face with ex-suitor Peter Ingram (Jeff Haslam). Their story parallels the plot of *La Dame aux Camelias* as their budding romance died amid accusations and recriminations regarding her former lover.

Surrounding Winnie are her stalwart friends Lillian Barnes (Sheri Sommerville), and Celia McCourt (Coralie Cairns). These two "daughters of Alberta", one a staid widow with theatrical yearnings, the other a crusty, plain spoken Scot, are representative of the strong women who were the underpinnings of the new province's prosperity. In the unfolding of this main plotline, Lemoine shows vulnerability beneath the genuinely funny, heartfelt writing.

The main story is fleshed out by the inclusion of a few theatrical types—actress Azalea Claymore (Daniela Vlaskalic) and theatre manager Bram Jarvis (Andrew Macdonald-Smith) are the locals. Claymore plays at the Lyceum in newly annexed Strathcona where the plays are "local and really quite good"; Jarvis works the downtown Empire where the plays and actors are imported and the shows much more expensive. Evidently the rivalry between the theatres across the river was as contentious 92 years ago as now.

But what of Bernhardt? Wisely, Lemoine has not opted for a biographic, realistic characterization—in this production she is The Theatre, a prophetic figure who can sweep her stunning eyes around the Edmonton vista and see what will be, or through Truth and Art heal aching hearts and restore what is sundered destiny Most importantly, she becomes a rallying point for what will become one of the richest cultural capitals in North America. That isn't to say laughs don't abound as she takes the stage with Gallic gusto, but in becoming a stylization of "what was," Lemoine's Bernhardt becomes an evocation of the endless possibilities inherent in all societies, not just a turn-of-the-century boomtown.

The performances onstage are finely etched, within what could be a bravura production. As director, Lemoine has welded the ensemble into a focused whole—no one person has the star turn—not even Leona Brausen's hilariously dignified Bernhardt: it's close to a comic turn, but stays on the sane side of realistic. Teatro veterans, Haslam, Stewart, and Sommerville have never been better, Mark Meer's work, while delightfully over the top, reveals an affecting vulnerability, and Coralie Cairns (in her company debut), is a standout as Celia McCourt.

It is a divine night.

EVA MARIE CLARKE

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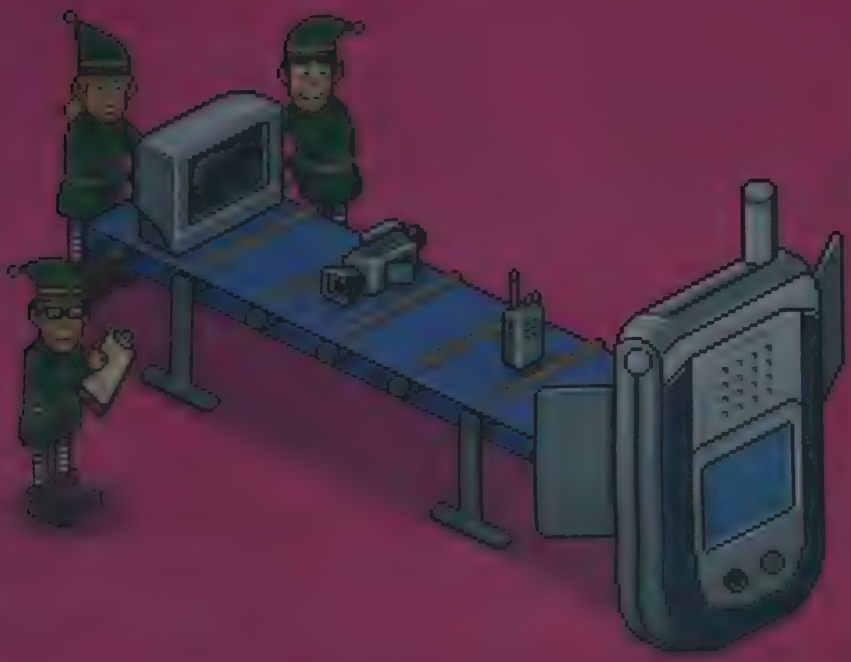

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MY LOOK

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Is this ensemble typical of your look: Lately, yes
Focal point of ensemble: The gold ribbon
Give us the breakdown: Hair—SuperCuts, Earrings—Amethyst. It's my mom's birthstone. They're from People [illegible] Kingsway. Necklace—[illegible] rady store, you know? [illegible] Mom's closet [illegible] vintage, Purple [illegible] Outfitters, Pants—CK, from my sister. Socks—mismatched from Old Navy; Shoes—[illegible] from Italy.
What is Munchie wearing? A sweater from Pet Cetera.

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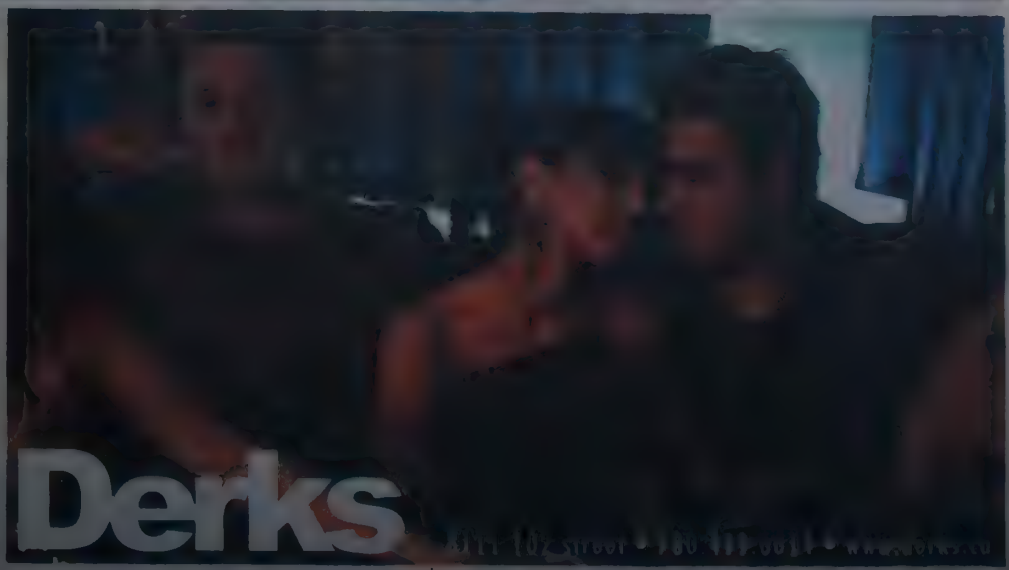
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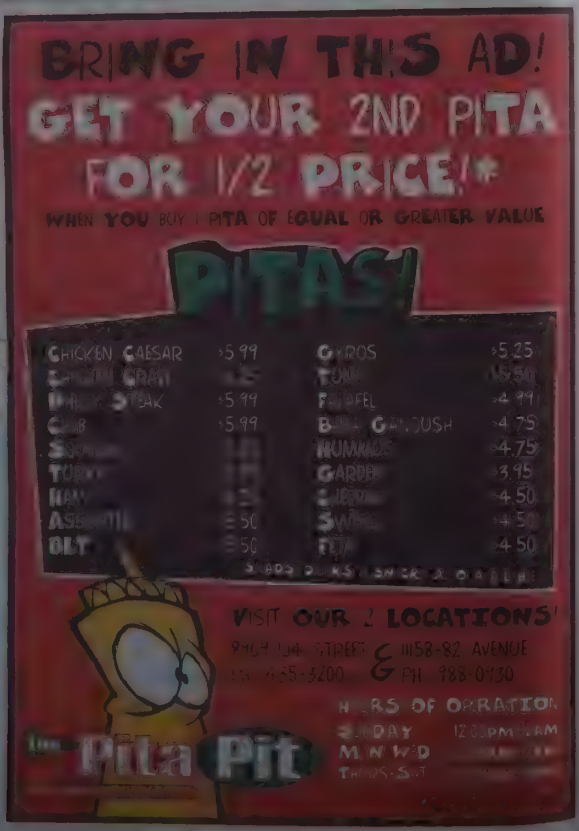
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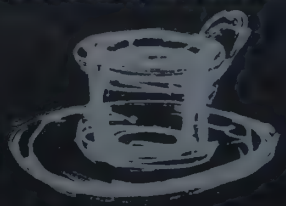

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Well worth the wait

A long-gestating audiovisual project *fields awake* finally makes some noise

FIELDS AWAKE
Nov 17 – 26, Opening Thu, Nov 17, 8 pm, Latitude 53 (10248-106 St), Info: 423-5353

WE'VE ALL GOT PROJECTS IN THE CLOSET that we'd like to dust off and work on when we get the chance, but usually that opportunity never arrives. In some cases, it's probably for the best that these things are allowed to languish, but that's not the case with *fields awake*, the fascinating and thought provoking multimedia installation making its debut at Latitude 53 this week.

"People had been asking for a couple of years now what was going on with it," admits Mark Templeton, the prime mover behind the long-gestating, multimedia exhibit. "It got to the point where it might have just sat in my closet forever."

Fortunately for art lovers, the sound and cinematic installation, led by multi-instrumentalist Templeton (most notably of locals Field Stream) and a loose aggregation of artists, has finally been completed. That the installation took a few years to come to fruition—Templeton originally began with eight guitar themes, calling friends Tim and Steve Batke of the Faunts, Paul Fuellbrandt, and Jeremy Putz in to re-write them into organ, piano glockenspiel, and synth parts—might have been a good thing. The project stood as purely instrumental tracks for a long period, while its creator tried to figure out what to do with them.

'The music is the film, and the film is the soundtrack. That was an interesting way to do it...'

MARK TEMPLETON

"I felt that it needed more depth," Templeton explains, "so I decided to interview people, asking them questions about spirituality, death, and existence." Armed with a recorder, Templeton used his visits to World War I and II battlefields in Europe to further the project by questioning people at these sites. He made field recordings in Paris, spoke with locals, and even interviewed his dying grandfather.

Templeton then carefully wove these snippets together into the already completed musical "soundscapes," and gave the final result to filmmaker Sean Corbett, who worked closely with Templeton to interpret it according to his vision. The final result is a bit of a turnaround from the usual arrangement between film and music—instead of music serving as a running counterpoint to the action on the screen, the film attempts to interpret the music.

"Yes, the music is the film, and the film is the soundtrack," Templeton quickly agrees. "That was an interesting way to do it. In the end, though, I spent so much time on it—the original intent was to do a DVD, a CD, and also have a live theatre performance."

But between *fields awake*, his usual gig with Field & Stream, and the recent re-release of his solo *frail as breath* EP, Templeton has been awash in side projects.

"Now I don't think I have the patience to do that," he admits. "It would be too stifling for the musicians, playing to the film, and I think it would break me if it didn't go well."

The installation comes out at the same time as the latest issue of the Latitude 53's visual culture magazine, *fifty3*. "It's a perfect match," Templeton observes, "since that issue deals with many of the same themes as the installation."

The long anticipated project—trimmed to a 51 minute piece—will run for ten days only, at which point Templeton will pack it in. Thirty limited edition CDs with stills from the film will be available at Latitude 53 for those interested in reliving the experience, but Templeton and his collaborators will move on.

"The intent is to do this once—it's not going to be performed live. In the future, *fields awake* may do some improvisational performances with other filmmakers, but this project with these themes and these visuals—is just going to happen once."

TOM MURRAY

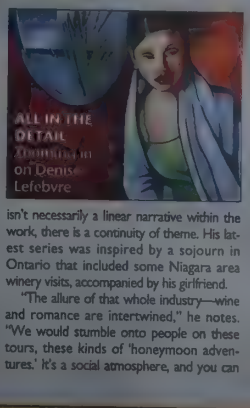
A good year

Painter Phil Alain hits the bottle for inspiration

WINE WOMEN AND ROMANCE
Denise Lefebvre and Phil Alain, Cocktail party & fundraiser featuring the X-Band, presented by Cristian Munoz Latin Festival Society and The Caribbean Women's Network, Nov 19, 8 pm, Red Strap Arts Market (103 Ave & 95 St)
Tickets $10, 420-1757. Wine Women and Romance Artists reception
Denise Lefebvre and Phil Alain, Sun, Nov 19, 1–4 pm, Red Strap Arts Market (103 Ave & 95 St), Free

"TO THINK OF 'MOMENTS' AND TRY TO remember things I experienced or witnessed, I find moving," explains artist Phil Alain. "There is a mood associated with those moments, and my goal is to capture that mood."

Alain thinks of his "almost cubist, but also expressionistic in terms of emotion" works as being vignettes. While there isn't necessarily a linear narrative within the work, there is a continuity of theme. His latest series was inspired by a sojourn in Ontario that included some Niagara area winery visits, accompanied by his girlfriend.



"The allure of that whole industry—wine and romance are intertwined," he notes. "We would stumble onto people on these tours, these kinds of 'honeymoon adventures.' It's a social atmosphere, and you can watch peoples' behaviours, and how that environment of the vineyard, these grapes around you and the fresh air, brings out romance, like in these Italian or French movies." He wasn't interested in depicting the beauty of the natural surroundings so much as he wanted to draw on the kinds of encounters and feelings they conjured in the participants and in himself.

As creator of Night of Artists, a unique charity fundraising collaboration between musicians, artists, and poets that has grown exponentially to encompass scenes in 12 cities since its inception in 1997, Alain has to condense his practice into "four months out of the year—then I have to get back to work on Night of Artists events." This year, he opted to rent a studio in a small historic town about an hour away from Ottawa. The idyllic setting and his winery experiences both exerted influence on his work.

"All the paintings were images that kind of focused on women and wine, men and women and wine, men and women," he laughs. "These elements of romantic moments, happy, or kind of waiting. Sometimes before you start working, you have an idea of what you want to do, but something sends you in different directions. The canvas takes the lead, and you have to allow that to happen. That part of being an artist is very enjoyable."

When Alain found out that his Night of Artists compatriot Denise Lefebvre had kindred imagery cropping up in her recent work, he suggested they pair up for a show. "We have similarities in style, although she works in oils. We both have bold lines and strong colours, and treat things in a way that complements each other with some interesting differences," he states. "It's like having two viewpoints on the same theme."

CHRISTA O'KEEFE

THE X-FACTOR

PHIL ALAIN PICTURES A CROWD COMING to see an art show, walking into a happening Latin dance party and realizing—they're in the right place.

With the Latin Festival Society picking up speed on its plans for a 2006 Latin festival, and the Caribbean Women's Network putting action into its new programs, the two groups are combining forces for higher purposes—to party.

Since local dance schools started cooking up salsa and clubs began offering free on-the-floor lessons, on any given weekend there are now hundreds of people looking for a place to show off their moves. Saturday, that place will be downtown at the Red Strap Market. Edmonton's X-Band includes congas, timbales, keyboard, bass, multiple singers, and a deep horn section. And whether you employ Salsa, merengue, cumbia, or just freeform ass shaking, success will be measured by how crowded the dance floor is.

Also—in observance of their first anniversary, The Caribbean Women's Network has initiated its new program, The Place for Younger Women. The training program for community leadership is aimed at students and families. The touch is grassroots, people to people, exploring community values, and working for equity for Caribbean women.

Proceeds from the dance party will be shared equally by the Caribbean Women's Network and the Latin Festival Society.

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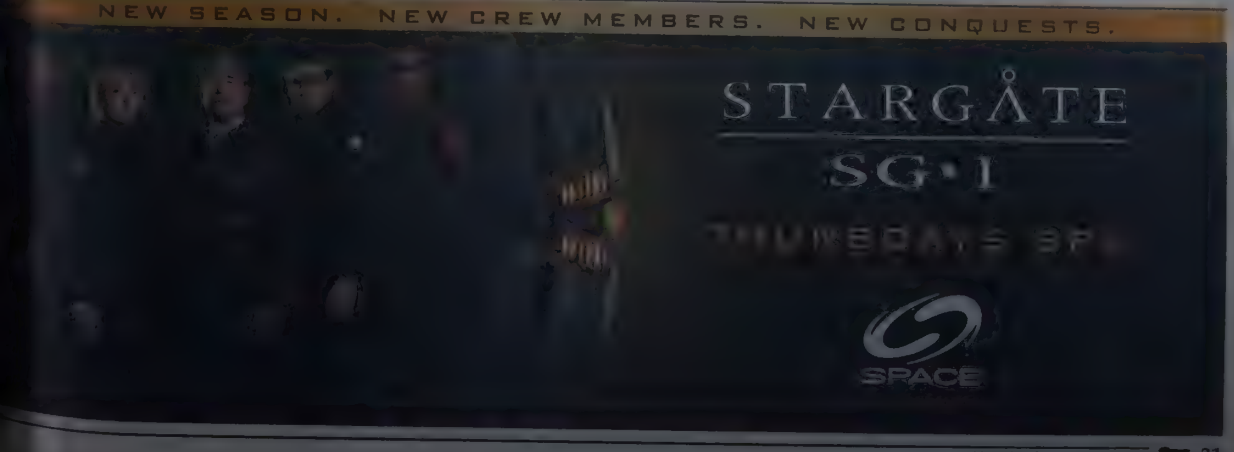

AIM, FIRE, POP

Through the grime-hop sounds of London via Sri Lanka, M.I.A. finds herself—and shows you

M.I.A.
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CRITICS HAVE TRIED TO LABEL HER, fans have tried to pigeonhole her, but she stirs the pot far too wildly to be classified. Why bother anyway—as to try to tag Maya Arulpragasam, a.k.a. M.I.A., as any one specific thing would be to miss out entirely on her myriad of qualities—traits that stand out as angularly against each other as they do blend fantastically into the kaleidoscope that is, quite simply, just who she is. Change the angle, the whole picture shifts and arranges itself in a radical new pattern.

That said, you're curious—and after her debut album *Arular* splashed all over you with its infectious mix of dancehall and hip hop, crunk and grime, you have every right to be. This little girl from Sri Lanka turned filmmaker at prestigious London film school now free-wheeling hip hop star got you going, I know. So what's her deal? Is she just a pop-star in waiting? Is she for real? *Is* she as cool as her raucous music and her in-your-face stencil art?

Well... she IS her music and her art. M.I.A. is one of those really rare people—imagination switched on from the get go, full of sharp questions, concise observations, and colourful commentary on the world around her, a vessel of creative energy waiting for the conduit through which to release itself. Music, of course, provided the medium, and she already had the mouthpiece.

QUIETEN DOWN; I NEED TO MAKE A SOUND

These questions of classification and identity aren't new to the artist, either. In a playful yet confrontational manner, she has long been forging her independent identity as a way out of the many systems forced upon her, which is what gave M.I.A. her artist—from visuals to dancing to filmmaking to now, this articulating of herself through her music.

"When I first started school, and I was teeny-weeny, like as soon as I joined the school in Sri Lanka, there was a class system to how you got seated, and it was colour-coded as well," she explains in her London-y drawl, a little tired and media shell-shocked on this particular morning—*ahem*, that is, *mid-afternoon*. "Yeah, the lighter-skinned kids sat in the front row, and the really dark ones sat in the back row, and if you were mid-tone you were in the middle. I was a mid-toner," she laughs, "but mid-to-dark, medium-well-done kinda looking, you know? So, they always had me near the back, and I always thought, 'Well, that's not fair...' And my sister was really fair and she got to sit in the front, or some Muslim kids were really fair and they always sat in the front too, so your opportunities, like for the teacher to pay more attention to you and stuff like that, were really small. So I really used art to make my own identity in the class." She then describes how, as a good drawer, she'd garner a queue of kids around her desk, waiting for her to illustrate their work.

That was just the beginning: "Then I wanted to be a dancer and that was my thing. When I discovered music, and I must have been about six, I started making costumes and going off to work," she laughs again. "You know—strangers would invite me to their birthday parties just to come and dance, and I'd go and perform. So my mum used to hire me out. I'd come back with biscuit tins—which was like, a big deal back then—to get a box of biscuits."

She tells these stories with the buoyancy of somebody not at all precious about what others would call adversity. It's this very acceptance of the life she was born into that makes M.I.A.'s recollections and her music interesting—this idea that life is a struggle, but it's worth it. And the struggle just becomes the thing that you're doing that day—like escaping poverty in Sri Lanka with her mother and sister at the age of ten to move into public housing poverty in London—and eventually, these struggles only served to fuel the self-empowerment found through the hip hop M.I.A. heard seeping through the walls of said housing project.

COMING THROUGH THE WINDOW; COMING THROUGH THE DOOR

"When I came to England, I was just discovering all this pop music that I would listen to on the radio and fall asleep to with my headphones every night, and then my mates on one side, they came and burgled my house. And they took the radio. And then for the first time I heard the neighbours on the other side.

"They were this black family, and they listened to hip hop. So every night I started hearing boooomboooomboooomboooom, you know? And it was like

> **"I liked getting on the bus and being looked at because I was hip hop, and not because I was a fuckin' fresh refugee off the banana boat with a bad hairdo and out-of-date clothes...**

'WHAT'S THAT,'" she gasps with mock excitement, "Like, I'd just never *heard* bass lines, you know what I mean? It was the first time I'd heard bass, and it was just like..."—M.I.A. grows as rambunctious as her music as she talks—"Every day, the boy'd pop his head out, and have a cigarette out the window, and his mates would roll up, and he'd stick his head out and talk to his friends out in the car, and every time he did that, I'd chill by the window and watch, 'cause I was so curious. I was like... that's how boys hang in England, that's their music, and that's their car and they dress like this and they smoke like that, you know.

"Then I started listening to what he's listening to, and started building up this hunger for this whole lifestyle which was just something brand new, you know, it was amazing."

And, like being a good drawer in grade school provided M.I.A. an escape from being colour-coded, hip hop added a new facet to her identity—a reappraisal of her refugee status.

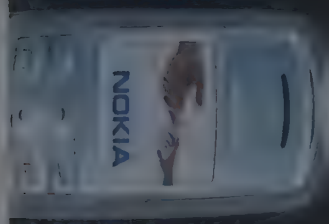
"Being that age and being such a fresh, brand-new off-the-boat refugee, I liked getting on the bus and being looked at because I was hip hop, and *not* because I was a fuckin' fresh refugee off the banana boat with a bad hairdo and out-of-date clothes. Then I was different."

Fast-forward 18 years, and this reappraisal of independent identity manifests itself for the artist in a different realm: M.I.A. and her music now stand on the brink of the mainstream, in an industry that often does not want people to be themselves. But as a living product of globalisation, a human incarnation of the mash-up culture that widespread sharing of information and modern communication has created, can M.I.A. not only retain but also continue to re-shape her distinct personality?

"I'm really aware of that, in that I haven't paid much attention to it," she explains. "I mean, I know the line that I'm not supposed to go over in terms of how much I know about the industry... you know, it's a really clear, physical, existing line and when I go close to it, I just shut down.

"There is a cut off point to how much I will give myself to it, but I entered this for a reason, and the reason was I want to figure out how to be happy. Not how to be happy with millions and trillions of pounds, 'cause that's just rubbish, I wanna learn how to be happy in the cheapest way possible. That's the important thing to teach to people."

JULIANN WILDING



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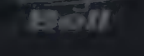

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...tried to open a place in the Legion ...f the Black Dog—it's beautiful, and ...have been an amazing space, and I ...'ve got a lease on it, but everyone I ...to was kind of against it," reveals ...k, who cites The Rev and Likwid ...as his favourite destinations during ...idency here. "It seems that the city ...doesn't want anything else on Whyte. ...is weird, because me opening that ...that spot would be a really good ...That just seemed like the right spot. ...'s never been a good indie location ...Southside—the Urban Lounge kind ...s, I think."

Pashak adds that he'd be reluctant to ...downtown because "that's where ...y and the Starlite are."

However, don't close the book yet on ...possibility of another venue vying for ...alt-entertainment dollar.

"I'm still looking, and I have people keeping their eyes open, but it really has to be the right room," says Pashak.

And should such a space announce itself as Pashak's ideal place, what would his approach be this time around?

"Well, it depends. If it's not on Whyte, or near Whyte, I don't think the city would be able to say too much about it. But, the other approach might just be to bully my way in. I know that the path is there, and I could just get some really good lawyers and bulldoze my way into opening that club—I didn't really want to start out that way. But, if I decide that this is a smart thing for me to do for band routing, and it would help the club in Calgary, too, then I think I would just take a bit more of adversarial approach."

ROOT DOWN

Like many of you, we too were *shocked* and *alarmed* when news broke late last week that the copy-protection software on some **Sony/BMG** titles surreptitiously installed something called a RootKit, a program that depletes your computer's resources, leaves your hardrive vulnerable to hackers, and compromises your privacy by tracking your listening habits. The Friday (Nov 11) *Globe and Mail* ran a list of affected titles, including **Neil Diamond**'s latest, *12 Songs*—which just so happens to be sitting on top o' the *SEE* mag review pile. The thing is, the **Music Industry News** website (www.mi2n.com) instructs that, "Consumers can spot CDs with XCP [a.k.a RootKit] by inspecting a CD closely, checking the left transparent spine on the front of the case for a label that says 'CONTENT PROTECTED.' The back of these CDs also mention XCP in fine print.

So, in the interest of being your better business ombudsman, we had no choice but to shut down shop, chuck that Broken Social Scene story out the window, and thoroughly inspect the Diamond CD for signs of Big Brotherism.

And after an exhaustive, 16-hour search? Bupkiss. So we called Sony, and although their representative could not comment on the class-action lawsuit filed against the label in the US, he did reveal that Canadian releases of the titles don't utilize the virulent program in question.

And so concludes our exciting foray into investigative journalism.

TOP OF THE WORLD, MA
The Subatomics blast off

BUT STILL...

News of the RootKit debacle certainly got the blogosphere bouncing, including Edmonton-based www.kentongood.com, who took a contrarian stance to the industry line that piracy is the number one cause of declining CD sales:

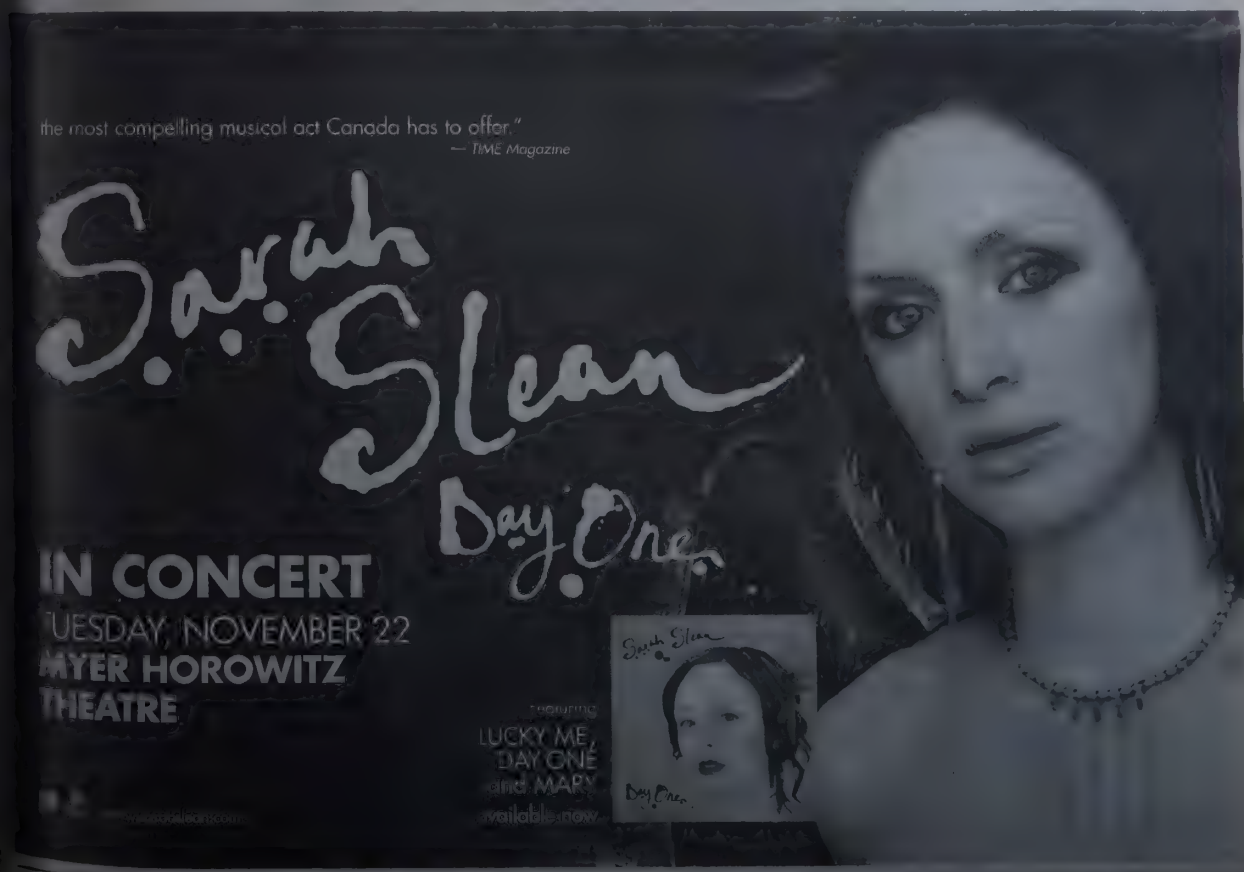
"Over the course of the last year I have gone from purchasing about 300 CDs in 2004—to just 4 in 2005. Why? A number of factors: Bad Music—two weeks ago Rod Stewart and Ashlee Simpson were at the top of the album charts. I rest my case.

Hmmm. Did he say bad music? Yep, there certainly are a lot of wingnuts out there.

BANTER OF THE WEEK

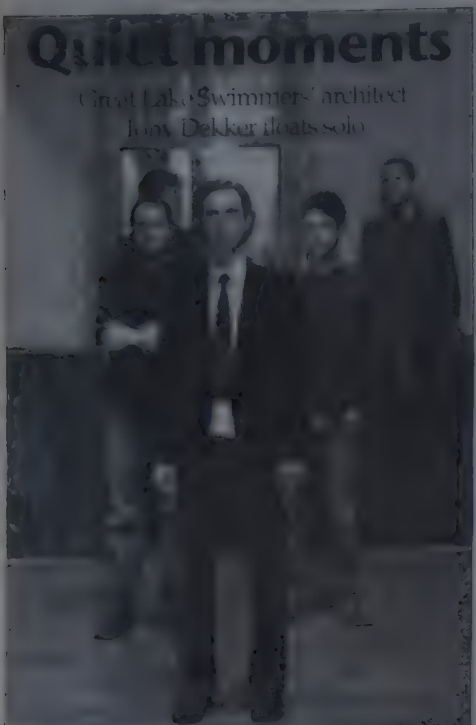
"Mom, dad... I think I just broke my braces...[To crowd] I'm gonna be really hot when the braces come off. Uh huh."

—15-year-old garage rock wunderkind Rene Wilson of the ***Subatomics*** *(see above, leaping left) while playing the* ***Vertical Struts'*** *CD release, Nov 10, The Sidetrack Cafe*



Quiet moments

Great Lake Swimmers' architect Tony Dekker floats solo



GREAT LAKE SWIMMERS
W/Field & Stream and Craig Schram, Tue, Nov 22, Sidetrack Café (10333–112 St)

SOME PEOPLE, BEYOND NOT BEING afraid of the dark, actually find comfort wrapping themselves in the submerged tidal pull of long ing and aching. Those types should wade bravely into the frail beauty of Tony Dekker's rootsy-folk and immerse themselves in the hushed poeticism of the sound of Great Lake Swimmers. Lyrics about the deepest treasures and wounds of human experience are buoyed by waves of lap steel, piano, strings, and banjo, gently coaxed along by Dekker's delicate strumming, occasionally propelled by lightly brushed rhythms. Even the spaces between music have an ambient sense of quiet intent lurking there

Perhaps it's unjust to classify Dekker's songcraft as "dark." The sepia tones on the cover of his brainchild band's recent release, *Bodies and Minds*, suggest that Dekker is more preoccupied with dusk than with blackness—the in-between-ness of moments rather than the eureka times; the small shared intimacies rather than the fights or fiestas.

Dekker in conversation is as deliberate and subdued as his work. Complimented on the ballsiness of kicking-off his recent record with the muted "Song for the Angels" as opposed to a more obvious (read: upbeat) choice, he notes, "I laboured over the sequencing of the album. It's intended to be a transition from the first one." Not many artists bother with that broad a view of their offerings.

That sense of craft is likely to emerge in his solo show. In the wake of *Bodies and Minds*' release in Europe and the US, Dekker has been taking to the stage by his lonesome. "It's a bit of switching gears from playing with a band, but nice," he reasons. "It takes you back to where you started out. It's a good thing to remind yourself of when you didn't have anyone to fall back on. It's a little more naked, and more of a challenge, but it's also easier to jump around in a couple songs, which wouldn't happen with the band."

Despite the intricate nature of the albums, Dekker states, "It's fairly easy to translate live. I don't try to recreate the album—it's impossible, even with a band—but it works live. I can generate the same kind of mood. I'm not really good at witty banter, so the focus always stays on the music."

Dekker has found the isolation on the road conducive to writing. "Maybe if there's something I finish I'll add a new song to the set. That's a nice thing to try to do, and I've done it before, but it has to be fully realised before I share it with people. I have to let songs gestate a while, and if they stick with me, I know they're kind of okay. That's my gauge—I don't just throw them out there. I like to think the songs I play are like a little more thought through and cared for than that."

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BROKEN SOCIAL SCENE

EVEN WITH THE ARCADE FIRE STEALING nice-sized piece of their glory, Broken Social Scene look to continue riding atop the current wave of fickle indie-rock stardom only they'd come from Montreal. So regardless of how you feel about the current wave of music emanating from Eastern Canada (or just Canada, as they [illegible] there), it was Broken Social Scene that almost single handedly gathered all the international attention. And there's a reason amidst the smugness and self-satisfaction lurks a musical juggernaut, me[illegible] powerful. But damn if there isn't something irritating about them anyway. Their fans Relax, not you. You're cool. Mo[illegible] Republic opens the festivities, as they are wont to do.

Thursday, November 17 at Re[illegible]

THE SPITFIRES

Arriving just in time to shoo all the wi[illegible] belts and asymmetrical haircuts from [illegible] city, Vancouver's The Spitfires bring straight up rock 'n' roll to the unwashed [illegible] From their bio on New Music Canada: "The drummer, alone, is a show within itself." I don't even know where to start with that. Cripple Creek Fairies come up fo[illegible] from Calgary. Also on the bill are The [illegible] Dave Crime Wave, the latest from [illegible] Black Market Inc.-er Fat Dave.

Saturday, November 19 at [illegible] Sidetrack Ca[illegible]

MASTA ACE

It's another Superstars of Rap show, the time featuring the talents of Brooklyn's [illegible] Masta Ace. Hip-hop has seen many styles come and go, with Masta Ace having been involved with most of them, from his [illegible] days in the Juice Crew, to guesting with Eminem and eventually returning from his tus in the new millennium. Anyone with even a passing interest in the man should make the effort to head out to the Sidetrack to see the show, and to show their support for Superstars of Rap. The local promotional crew continues to keep bringing quality hip-hop to our frozen berg of a city, [illegible] show them some love. And money

Wednesday, November [illegible] at [illegible] Sidetrack Ca[illegible]

THE REST

Thursday at New City sees [illegible] **Cryptomaniacs** with the **Raygun Cowboys** and guests. What's her [illegible] the Rexall this Friday with the [illegible] over-hyped **M.I.A.** (just see the [illegible] this paper for proof).. Friday [illegible] **Immaculate Machine** to the Sidetrack with guests. **Sonace**, **Texas Blue Money**, and **PiND** are at [illegible] Lounge this Saturday **Southside Rio** CD release with guests at [illegible] Lodge? Nicely done. A benefit [illegible] victims of drunk driving this S[illegible] **The Dirtbags**, **The Pervs**, [illegible] more at New City. Germany [illegible] **on Speed** electro-cancel the [illegible] date at New City. **Avenged Sevenfold** yuk it up at Chuck E. Cheese [illegible] this Monday with **Death by Stereo** [illegible] more. **Great Lake Swimmers** [illegible] an appearance at the Track this [illegible] with **Field + Stream** and more

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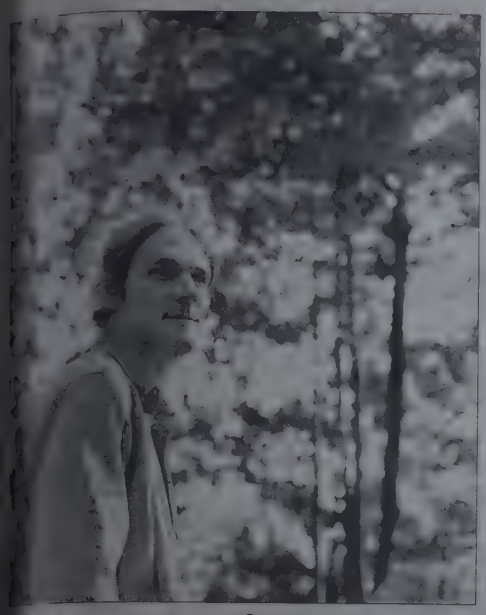

Colour you impressed

Tony Wilson's aural palette over-flowing

TONY WILSON SEXTET
Nov 19, 8 pm, The Yardbird Suite (11 Danny Banks Way), Info: 432-0428

DREAM, THE LATEST RECORDing by Vancouver's Tony Wilson Sextet received its official release on Orig Audio this past Tuesday. Is it jazz? Yes, but It's also a trip through a very broad range of 20th Century music—from classics to contemporary bluegrass to Bartok. Hints of Mark John Scofield and Bill Frisell are there, along with little tastes of acoustic country and what sounds like free form improvisation. It features textured guitar playing, with hard picking and ethereal, meditative moments, minor key work, and a sometimes-percussive guitar attack. Violinist/producer Jesse Zubot and Wilson put it together at the latter's Hornby Island, BC home.

"Jesse came up to Hornby with his gear and we recorded about 70 percent of it there. He told me it was a wide open kind of thing, so I went for it. The result is not too surprising, considering guitarist and bandleader Wilson has been playing and composing music for close to 35 years.

"As a kid I had been listening to [illegible] and blues and was particularly [illegible] Frank Zappa. Yes, and [illegible] I got into the jazz thing a [illegible] when a friend took me to a [illegible] concert in Montreal. [illegible] just learning guitar and it [illegible] with me," explains Wilson [illegible] acknowledging another [illegible] his jazz roots. "My dad [illegible] musician, he played in the [illegible] Vancouver, and he introduced me to a lot of music as well."

[illegible] working with The Francois [illegible] Quintet, Peggy Lee Band, and [illegible] Orbit over the years, and featuring [illegible] with Ron Samworth and [illegible] Smith. Wilson has always [illegible] to composition. "I basically started writing music at the same time I started playing. I studied at Malaspina College [in Nanaimo] and had a composition teacher there who introduced me to classical music from the Modern and Romantic periods. As far as composing is concerned, it just comes to me; I can be walking around or on the bus, wherever. I sit at the piano and write down what comes to me, sometimes it works, and sometimes it doesn't. I love to experiment with dynamic range in my work, moving from the quiet to the melodic to the loud. I did a gig last weekend where we played Benjamin Britten, Bill Monroe, and my own originals all in the same set. I like to call what we do 'composition with improvisation.'"

> **'I love to experiment with dynamic range in my work... I like to call what we do "composition with improvisation."'**
>
> TONY WILSON

The group joining Wilson this Saturday night at the Yardbird includes Jesse Zubot on violin, double bassist Russell Sholberg, J.P. Carter on trumpet and electronics, Masa Anzai on alto sax and electronics, and drummer and percussionist Skye Brooks. "The band does a rally wide range of material," says Wilson. "We have a Beatles' cover, music by Ornette Coleman and Don Cherry, and my originals. We move from the delicate and melodic to loud and raucous—it really covers a lot of bases."

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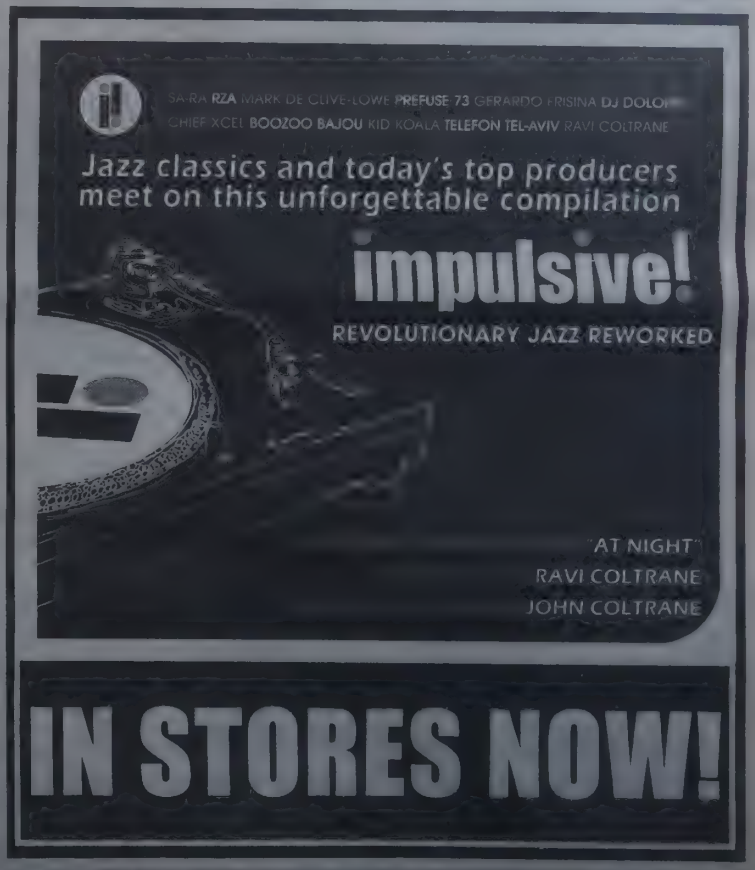
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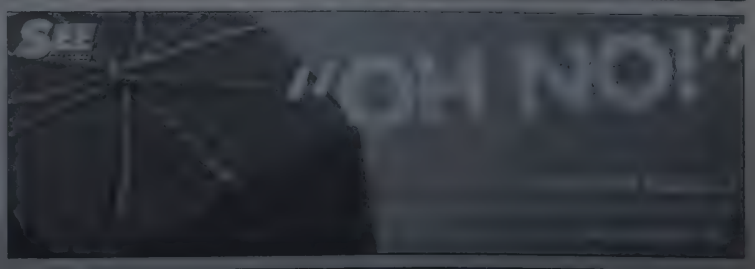

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On the Classical Tip

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Grammy award-winning music director **Pinchas Zukerman**, one of the world's finest violinists, picked up the baton for the NACO in 1998, and his presence has been felt in their educational programs and through the establishment of the Zukerman Chamber Players in 2003.

Also, Saturday will be a homecoming of sorts for the evening's soloists, Edmonton natives **Jessica Linnebach** and **Amanda Forsyth**

Linnebach will perform Bach's *Concerto for Two Violins in D minor* with Zukerman, and Forsyth will perform the Juno award-winning *Electra Rising*, composed for her by her father, **Malcom Forsyth**.

Music came early for Forsyth, NACO's principal cellist and touring soloist, even before beginning cello lessons at age three. "In the womb probably," she says. "In South Africa [Forsyth moved to Edmonton as a child], we lived in a small apartment, and I was able to sleep through my dad performing with his jazz band. And, I remember my father listening to awful new classical music from the 1970s [laughs]."

Richard Strauss, Elgar, and Schumann are more favourable to her as she continues a music career she hopes will last forever. "One of my teachers, Harvey Shapiro, at 94, is completely arthritic but still passionate and loves to discuss things. It's amazing to see at 94; it's very meaningful, and I'm going to play into my nineties as well."

Saturday is just part of a busy few days for

AMANDA FORSYTH

the ESO. Music Director **Bill Eddins** is [illegible] to conduct two concerts this [illegible]. Tonight (Nov 24), "A Musical Z[illegible]" is the theme for the latest concert in the [illegible] Classics series. Well-known masterworks like Saint-Saens' *Carnival Of The Animals*, Prokfiev's first *Piano Concerto* will [illegible] themselves beside Henry Mancini's *Baby Elephant Walk* and Stravinsky's *Circus Polka*. The concert of the Davis Sunday Showcase series (Nov 27 at 2 pm) is Scottish in theme, with Bruch's *Scottish Fantasy* and the North American premiere of the late Robert Farnon's *Symphony No.3 (Edinburgh)*.

Finally, next Friday (Nov 25) at 8 pm, the Edmonton Classical Guitar Society welcomes Quebec's **Similia** for a concert in Muttart Hall at Alberta College. Similia is a flute and guitar duo of twin sisters Annie and Nadia Labrie, and they will perform [illegible] essential pieces, including Astor Piazzolla's *Histoire Du Tango* and Jacques Ibert's *Entr'Acte*. Tickets are $20, or $15 for students, seniors, and ECGS members

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THE ALBERT BLANE FERGUSON **Aid Society** holds a fundraiser this Sunday (Nov 20) at Blues On Whyte. Named after a popular bass player in the Edmonton area who passed away a couple of years ago, the group has been doing its part to help performers in need. The group finally got its official "non-profit society" designation approved this past January, and most recently helped with donations to The Twisters relief fund. SEE caught up with spokesman, comedian, and artist Tim Koslo this past week. "We've been lucky—knock on wood—that there have been no major catastrophes befall performers in the Edmonton area. We have helped out a musician who had an aneurysm and a guitarist who suffered a broken hand." Koslo makes it clear that the group is not just for musicians. "We're a performer's aid society," he stresses, "and at a recent board meeting we decided that we shouldn't even be Alberta or Edmonton-centric. Hence, the donations to The Twisters, who are based in Vancouver." The benefit this Sunday certainly includes performers of all types. "We'll have the **Zagareet Tribal Belly Dancers**, magician **Howard Getty**, a psychic, and music from **Cold Feet**, **The Ruminators**, **Pete Turland and Friends**, and **Laura Vinson and Free Spirit**, along with some "[illegible] auction." Koslo will be cracking wise on behalf of the society and emcees the event. When asked about the future plans of the group, Koslo says frankly, "What we really like to do is attract some corporate dollars to the cause, to help us get the word out, and give us more dollars for more performers to access the fund."

Are you a corporate donor? You can [illegible] Tim at 432-1075. In the meantime, things [illegible] underway at 5:30 pm Sunday at the Blues On Whyte.

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!

Maria Dunn has done well documenting the stories of working people in Western Canada. The folk singer-songwriter released the disc *We Were Good People* last year, chronicling those stories, and has been collaborating with Ground Zero Productions on a 60-minute production titled "Troublemakers: Working Albertans 1900-1950." The piece features narration, visuals, and music. Friday (Nov18) you can catch Dunn along with Terry Morrison and Karen Donaldson, at the Horizon Stage in Spruce Grove where the "Troublemakers" multi-media presentation will also be shown.

FORBES AND FRIENDS

Saturday evening (Nov 19) Northern Lights Folk Club presents a double bill at Queen Alexandra Hall. Perennial favourite Roy Forbes brings his trademark sense of humour, unique voice, and songwriting skills to the stage in a show that also features CKUA personality and musician David Ross working with Anna Somerville. Doors at 7 pm, music at 8 pm.

CAM HAYES

Getting the bugs out

Immaculate Machine grow with their goals

IMMACULATE MACHINE
[illegible] Mk7, Fri. Nov 18, Sidetrack Café
[illegible] 12 SO, Info 421-1326

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE *LOGAN'S* [illegible] name, or that their newest album [illegible] binary code with the title *ones and* [illegible] Immaculate Machine is about as far [illegible] chilly electro-formalism as, say, [illegible]-mates The New Pornographers. [illegible] Victoria trio is a sonically kindred [illegible] in the case of keyboardist [illegible] Calder and the NP's Carl Newman, [illegible] to their Vancouver elders, purveying sweeping pop with sprawling near-[illegible] ambitions delivered in an [illegible] way. It's a mystery how three [illegible] can make such an anthemic wall of [illegible] sound—Calder's synth-twiddling [illegible] panied by Brooke Gallupe's fist-[illegible] pumping guitar riffs and Luke Kozlowski's [illegible] drumming, and all swap vocal [illegible]. Which leads to the further puzzle of [illegible] three people blessed with sweet voic-[illegible] suited to Gilbert and Sullivan [illegible] than 21st Century indie rock—[illegible] to create edgy, structurally extravagant pop spiked with frank sentimentality and idealism.

ones and zeroes is the band's third effort, and their first with record label muscle behind it. Since settling into this configuration in 2002, the longtime friends resolutely plowed their own furrow, after years of listening to a promiscuous assortment of music while getting classically trained on their instruments.

"We did it all ourselves for so long because A) we had to, and B) we really didn't know any other way," Calder laughs. "We're lucky it worked in our favour. Our music career started with us not even knowing how to book *one* show, let alone a cross-Canada tour. We learned by doing. Victoria is this isolated little community, and at some point as a band, you have to go play Vancouver. Then it was like, '"Hmm. Let's try to go across Canada... maybe we could record... should we tour the States? How about Europe?' Your goals sort of grow as you grow. But if I think back to the early days when everything felt so impossible..." Calder trails off with a strangled noise.

Immaculate Machine is a label's dream—proven work ethic plus exciting music—and

they were snapped up by Mint Records earlier this year

"It's a nice break from doing everything ourselves," Calder enthuses. "The fact that they are a label doesn't mean we have to be puppets. They are definitely not pushy, and not forcing some moneymaking scheme on us. They love music, and that's what makes them a great label. We obviously still have control, but like most DIY labels, there's this community of people around us now who help out with things we couldn't do easily on our own. We have ads in *Exclaim!* now! People review us!"

Calder continues, "The New Pornographers tour into the US—Mint set that up for us. And that's different: free whiskey, fruit plate. Brooke is actually a little conflicted about that. He likes that those shows are predicable, he likes the free whiskey, he likes the fruit plate, but he also really loves the intimacy of our little shows. It's good and different to have both experiences."

CHRISTA O'KEEFE

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Paintings pave path for Neufeld's aural improv

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[illegible] The John Henry Band and Kevin Cook, Sat, [illegible] 19, 8 pm, Bonne Doon Hall, Tickets $12 in [illegible] at Myhre's Music and Blackbyrd [illegible] $15 at the door.

ON HIS LATEST ALBUM, *LIVE AT BONNIE* [illegible] Hall, local violinist Cam Neufeld used [illegible] abstract paintings of Marianne Watchel [illegible] inspire his compositions. "I'd get up to [illegible] early in the morning," Neufeld explains, [illegible] down and look at a painting for a while. [illegible] was almost like stream of consciousness, [illegible] a dream state."

Titles like "Phoenix #3" and "Holy Near Collision" make a direct link from painting to song, but Neufeld mostly used his study of the paintings as a passing point of reference in his own writing.

"The energy of the painting is not a direct thing, like a colour doesn't indicate a certain note," he says. "It's just a kind of vibe that you get from a painting that you can use as a beginning inspiration."

To ensure that the proper level of improvisatory skill was attained, Neufeld used friends and band mates like Ben Sures, Jim Hepler, Mo Lefever, Chris Smith, John Newton, Thom Golub and Dwayne Hrynkiw to realise his vision. As is to be expected from work by Neufeld and his accomplished and eclectic sidemen, *Live at Bonnie Doon Hall* is a grab bag of tangos, jigs, waltzes, swing numbers, blues—all performed with verve and immaculate taste. Neufeld will be celebrating the release of his album at the very same hall that he recorded in, using most of the same musicians that he recorded with, both as back up band and in the opening acts.

"There were flaws in the playing, but there were also moments that can't be caught, except in a live situation," he says. "Live there's the energy of the crowd, the interplay of the musicians, and that's what I'm most interested in—so I try to create situations where that happens. Of course, it helps to play with guys like [bassist] Thom [Golub] and [drummer] Dwayne [Hrynkiw]."

TOM MURRAY

Cold, cold Brazil

Fernanda Cunha misses the mark with a lukewarm vocal performance

REVIEW

FERNANDA CUNHA
[illegible] Nov 11, The Yardbird Suite

[illegible] WHILE I CAN'T SPEAK FOR [illegible] I'm sure that if there is one [illegible] many of us would rather be [illegible] it's this oasis of warm [illegible] located in the heart of South [illegible].

While we made our way to the [illegible] state that night, steamy [illegible] clearly visible as we battled [illegible] the evening, there was [illegible] consolation prize we all kept our [illegible] on: that the sounds of Brazilian [illegible] Fernanda Cunha would keep [illegible] and carry us off to sun-[illegible] landscapes where every-[illegible] is butt-tanned, and knows how [illegible] dance.

[illegible] ultimately disappointing, the [illegible] seeing and hearing [illegible] person was a letdown of [illegible] proportion.

[illegible] from copious press [illegible] the days preceding her performances, Cunha sold out the Yardbird easily. The crowd was ripe with anticipation, a good percentage of people resigned to standing elbow-to-elbow at the back of the venue. "Fair enough," most probably thought. "We'll be able to get moving in no time."

Maybe, but not necessarily for the right reasons.

Cunha, backed up by the fantastic musicianship of touring pianist Ricardo Rito and local jazz reliables Mike Lent (upright bass) and Sandro Dominelli (drums), delivered a performance plagued by sour vocal notes, an obvious lack of depth and tone, and the complete absence of the expected infectious rhythms necessary to turn the Yardbird into a true Brazilian celebration.

While it's understood that Brazilian music doesn't necessarily equal "Carnival!" at all times and that some of its charms lie in more stripped-down and subdued stylings, it wasn't enough for Cunha to conjure up classic numbers by master Antonio Carlos Jobim or that of her aunt Sueli Costa (who remains a landmark Brazilian composer) to get the crowd going. Her delivery was mostly low-key and disappointingly weak, every single number reduced to the shadow of what it originally was or could've been.

After a rather tepid first set, some were obviously puzzled by the lack of energy and presence. Several unimpressed souls decided to leave, and, as Cunha made her way back to the stage for a quadruple helping of Jobim classics, the applause toned down quite considerably, keeping on the polite side rather than the enthusiastic.

If it was stiflingly hot inside the Yardbird that night, it certainly wasn't because of Cunha's slow, cabaret-inspired singing. While Rota, Lent, and Dominelli showcased their willingness to heat things up, they were ultimately relegated to play the backup role they had been assigned with little room to steer the show in the right direction.

For jazz aficionados and the curious minds lured by the media buzz, it was a lukewarm show that failed to bring the flavour, the spice, and the blazing sunshine that Brazilian music really has to offer.

Fernanda Cunha's first Canadian performance will remain a distant memory of over-hyped potential that failed on almost every level.

FRANÇOIS MARCHAND

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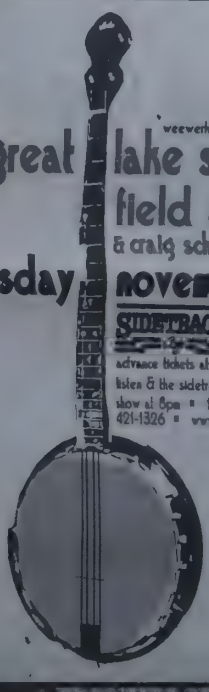

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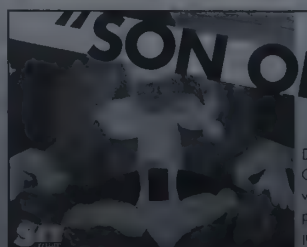

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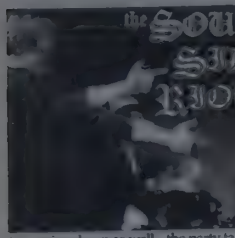
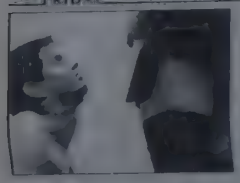


ECONO RIOT — Not only does the downtown Econolodge Pub (*10209—100 Ave.*) have killer gin martinis and a jukebox full of really good rock, now they have live gigs, too? Holy hell, it's the long awaited Southside Riots recording debut, with Dead City Serpents and London Disturbance Force on hand—AND rumour has it there's a birthday or two going down as well... the party takes place Sat, Nov 17, and it's only $5.

THURSDAY

365 DAYS AGO — What were you doing one year ago? Curators Roger Garcia and John Berg asked 17 local visual artists this question, and the resulting show is opening Thu, Nov 17, at the **ArtsHabitat Studio Gallery** (*10217—106 St, 3rd Flr.*). The reception is from 5 'til 11 pm, with food and drink and a chance to meet this impressive list of artists and see what's been happening in studios all over the city.

FRIDAY



WHAT'S TABOO ANYMORE? — Find the answer to this at **Taboo: The Naughty But Nice Sex Show**, Nov 18 – 20 at Northlands Agricom. With such adults-only spectacles as fetish-wear fashion shows, product demonstrations, unique contests, and The Dungeon presented by Whuplash magazine. Info: www.canwestshows.com.

SATURDAY

CRIME PAYS — A new hard rock project from Fat Dave Johnston (Black Market Inc.) to shock and disgust us all: it's **The Fat Dave Crime Wave**, playing Sat, Nov 19, at the Sidetrack Café (*10333—112 St.*) with The Cripple Creek Fairies (Calgary) and the Spitfires (Vancouver.) Have you heard Fat Dave shred? It'll make you sick

SUNDAY

FEEL THE LIGHT AAAH — Sun Nov 20, at 2 pm, the Radha Yoga Centre (*9946—87 Ave.*) presents **Sharing the Light**, a free yoga class and social open house featuring poetry, art, and song. If you've wanted to investigate yoga but feel intimidated by a formal setting, this is the event for you. Info: [illegible]

MONDAY

REBEL YELL YEAH! — The [illegible] and idol to young people everywhere gets a big screen treatment: this Mon at 7 pm the Metro Cinema (*9828—101A Ave.*) presents *Rebel Without a Cause*, so get your leather jacket out and your disaffected youth pants on [illegible]

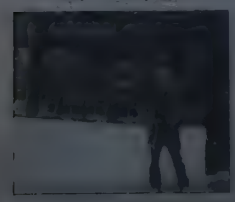
TUESDAY

INFINICHAD — Calgary's **Chad VanGaalen** hung out in his bedroom forever before he emerged with the lovely, dreamlike *Infiniheart*, an album full of songs that stick in your head long after you've heard them. VanGaalen plays this Tues, Nov 22 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre (*U of A Campus*) with Sarah Slean. Tix: TM.

WEDNESDAY

UGLY BUT LOVABLE — Take the kids a to a live version of a fairy tale they probably only know through Disney: *Beauty and the Beast*, playing at the Arden Theatre (*5 St. Anne St., St. Albert*) until Dec 4! They'll learn that even though the beast looks mean and scary, he's a lovable pup inside, and like everyone else, he just needed a hug from a pretty lady. Tix: TM.

NEXT THURSDAY



SUBLIMINAL MESSAGES — This [illegible] Nov 24 treats us to the jazz-dub collision and/or collage that is the sound of New York's [illegible] mainstream. DJ Spooky Drawing from the well of the world, Spooky will be playing a set at New City (*10086 Jasper Ave.*) with Dusty Grooves of Make it Mondays. Don't miss it. Info: 429-2582.

ALEXIA MELNYCHUK releases her new CD at the Blue Chair Café. See Live Music.

LIVE MUSIC

ALTERNATIVE

BACKROOM VODKA BAR *10324-82 Ave (upstairs)*. — Info: 436-4418
BLACK DOG *10425-82 Ave. 439-1082* — **Sat** Old Man Luedecke **Every Sun** Reclaim Sundays w/ Rubim de Toledo **Wed** The Digs
DINWOODIE LOUNGE *U of A Campus* — Info: [illegible]
MEGATUNES *10355-82 Ave.* — Info: 434-6342
MELTING POT *10351-82 Ave.* — Info. 433-[illegible]
NEW CITY *10081 Jasper Ave., Palladium Building 429-CLUB* — **Mon** Chicks On Speed w/ [illegible]
RENDEZVOUS PUB *10108-149 St., 444-1822* — **Sat** Gate, Some Won Spit
STARLITE ROOM *10030-102 St.*, — Info: 428-[illegible]
VICTORY LOUNGE *10030-102 St. 428-7827* — **Sat** Sonance w/ Texas Blood Money & PIND
WUNDERBAR HOFBRAUHAUS *8120 — 101 St.* - Info: [illegible]

BLUES & ROOTS

ACQUIRED TASTE TEA COMPANY *12323-102 Ave* — Info: 414-6041
BAR-B *4249-23 Ave.* — Info: 461-2244
BLIND PIG PUB *St Albert* — Info. 418-6332
BLUE CHAIR CAFÉ *9624-76 Ave., 989-2861* — **Wed** Alexia Melnychuk CD Release Party **Thu** Bob Jahrig **Fri** The Vinyl Experiment **Sun**, 12 pm, Rosette Guitar Duo.
BLUES ON WHYTE *10329-82 Ave , 439-5058* — **Thu** - **Sat** Amos Garrett **Mon** - **Wed** Taxi
BRAVO BISTRO *9828-101A Ave. 424-1010* — **Fri** Mo Lefever Trio **Sat** Marshall "Doctor of Blues" Lawrence & Dave "Crawdad" Cantera.
BUD'S LOUNGE *St Albert* — Info: 458-3826
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IRISH CLUB *12546-126 St* — Info: 453-2249

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THE DRUID *11606 Jasper Ave.* — Info: 454-[illegible]
UNCLE GLENN'S *7666-156 St.* — Info: 481-[illegible]
WHISTLE STOP LOUNGE *12416-132 Ave. 451-5506* — **Fri** & **Sat** Mister Lucky.
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JAZZ

ALLEGRO *10111-109 St. 424-6644* — **Fri** George Kovacs **Sat** Terry Jorden.
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DARIEN'S LOUNGE *9945-50 St., 440-5071* — **Sat** Jeari Czapla & The Uptown Trio
FOUR ROOMS *137 Edm City Centre East, 426-4767* — **Thu** - **Sat** Marc Beaudin Trio.
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HALO *10538 Jasper Ave. 423-4256* — [illegible] Mod Club: Soul, R&B, Indie, Brit pop [illegible] reggae & classic punk w/ DJs Blue Jay [illegible] D **Sat** For Those Who Know . deep house [illegible] Junior Brown, Remo, Simon Locke [illegible] (resident)
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'S *[illegible]* every hour daily 'til 8 pm **Sat – Wed** nnie & Tizzy **Tue, Sat & Sun** Pool Hours Mon - Thu 1 pm - Midnight, pm Sat Noon - 3 pm, Sun Noon —

BAR HOFBRAUHAUS *8120 – 101 St.,* Mon Red Tortesons Armada feat **Tue** Shakedown feat hug w/ DJs Seizures Jny the Hot Rats Thu Up & Loop in the 3rd & Big Friday wind down w/ nchex Saturday w/ DJ

AFTERHOURS *10328-102 St., (alley entrance)* garage/breaks w/ Tonto Delano Dragon, Ryan **Sat** Release w/ Luke Morrison, Darcy Klein, Bryan Doyle

TOP 40

LOUNGE *10310 66 Ave, 702* night ladies night male balloon artist drink $5 Fri Hot for Teacher **Sat** Top 40 downstairs parties - choose a theme Info www.armoury-

479-7400 — **Wed** Free Salsa Lessons Fri Free Sat Live Latin band & DJ Montonazucar.com

BAR NONE *10545-82 Ave., 432-5058* — Drink specials all night **Fri & Sat**

BILLIARD CLUB *#200, 10505-82 Ave., 432-0335*— **Thu** Tantric Thursdays, Live DJ, drink specials.

BLIND DUCK *10416-118 Ave., 479-7193* — **Wed & Fri** DJ Grand Master Rich Carr

BLUE CHICAGO *14203-Stony Plain Rd , 451-1402* — **Fri & Sat** DJ Taco in a Bag, rap, r&b

CAFÉ SELECT *10018-106 St., 428-1629* — **Fri** DJ Slacks & Tryptomene.

CALIENTE NIGHT CLUB *10815 Jasper Ave, 425-0850* — **Thu** Urban Substance ladies night **Fri** Funktion Fridays w/ DJ Invinceable **Sat** DJ Invinceable **Sun** Ladies Night w/ DJ Invincable, **Wed** Old Skool w/ DJ Shoka-Sean, DJ Sin & DJ Instigate, **Tue** Bashment reggae night NC B4 11 pm, $6 after 11 pm.

CEILI'S IRISH PUB *10338-109 St., 426-5555* — **Mon** Get Your Funk On w/ Quake **Fri** Cinco De Mayo **Sat** Various Fundraisers. **Wed** Hot Wheels

CHASE NIGHTCLUB *10345-105 St., 969-6969* — **Tue** Calypso & Latin dance **Fri** Status Friday, R&B, hip hop & reggae

CHIMMY'S *8318-144 Ave., 478-1770* — **Sat** Ladies Night, Top 40 **Sun** happy hour all day, free pool.

CLAREVIEW PUB *132 Ave & Victoria Tr, 414-1111* — **Tue & Thu** Karaoke **Wed** DJ Lex & DJ Fiore **Fri & Sat** Drink specials. Happy Hour Daily 11 am - 7 pm & all day **Sun** DJ Fiore plays today's hottest hits & yesterday's classics NC ever!

CRISTAL LOUNGE *10336 Jasper Ave, 426-7521* — **Fri** Fundraiser Night, call 990—3692 for bookings **Sat** Legendary Urban Saturdays (R&B, hip hop, reggae, soca) w/DJ Invinceable & MC J-Money, $8.

DARIEN'S COCKTAILS & FINE FOOD *5552 Calgary Tr S, 439-8675* — Full menu, happy hour every day 4 - 7 pm, wing specials, daily specials, games room, living room, big screen TV.

ELEVATION LOUNGE *10309-81 Ave (upstairs), 433-4979* — DJ 4Play playing the best of top 40 & retro music all week long **Wed** Guest bartenders **Thu** Salsa Night, 8 pm NC.

ESCAPE ULTRA LOUNGE *WEM, 489-1330* — **Wed** Girls get Wild On Wednesday with Ladies Night **Fri** Hypnotiq Fridays **Sat** Saturday night house party w/ Urban Metropolis feat Harman B & DJ Kwake. Info: www.escapenightclub.com

FIRST CITY *10136-100 St , 428-3399* — **Sat** Xtusive Saturdays, hosted by Kwame.

FLUID LOUNGE *Jasper & 109 St., 906-7939* — **Sat** DJ Jon Jahn

GALLERY LOUNGE *Mayfield Inn, 16615-109 Ave., 930-4061* — **Thu** Rock'n'Roll trivia **Fri & Sat** DJ Rory.

GAS PUMP *10166-114 St., 488-4841* — **Mon** NFL Football **Tue & Wed** Karaoke, drink specials & pool leagues **Thu** Twoonie Thursday drink special, 9 pm - 2 am, cash giveaway every month **Fri & Sat** Drink specials 9 - 10:30 pm, dance music by DJ Christian **Sun** Open most long weekend Sundays, drink specials 8:30 - 10:30 pm, dance music by DJ Travis. Mandatory coat check/dress code/no cover charge.

GLOBE TAP BAR & GRILL *10045-109 St., 426-7111* — **Wed** Wings Night, starts @ 2 pm **Thu** Half price everything **Fri & Sat** Top 40 w/ dancing **Sun** Industry night

H2O SPORTS BAR & LOUNGE *10044-82 Ave, 433-5794* — **Tue & Thu & Sat & Sun** Karaoke DJ Double Jack plays the best in dance, rock & pop

HAVANA CLUB & RESTAURANT *10220-103 St.,423-7707* — **Wed** Ladies Night **Thu** Free dance lessons **Thu & Fri** 717 Entertainment Spinning Urban, Hip Hop & Ragga beats.

IRON HORSE *8101-103 St., 438-1907* — **Fri** DJ Loose Cannon **Sat** Urban dance party w/ DJ 420.

KELLY'S *11540 Jasper Ave, 451-8825* — **Mon** Free Pool **Wed & Sun** Karaoke Happy Hour 11 am - 7 pm daily.

KINGSKNIGHT PUB *9221-34 Ave, 433-2599* — **Mon** Watch Monday Night Football on 15ft screen **Tue** Big Easy Tuesdays in the Venue (Inside Kingsknight) buy a wristband ($10) get $1 drinks **Wed** Sake to Me Wednesdays, sushi & sake on special, karaoke hosted by Smirking Jay 9 pm **Thu** Live music, drink specials, karaoke w/ Smirking Jay in the Venue **Fri** Ladies Night in the Venue w/ male dancers 8 pm karaoke 11 pm, live band 10 pm in the Kingsknight **Sat** Karaoke in the Venue 9 pm, live bands 10 pm in the Kingsknight **Sun** NFL football on big screen

LEGENDS PUB *#105, 6101-172 St , 481-2786* — Happy Hour all week, 2-7 pm **Fri & Sat** Live entertainment

LIVEWIRE BAR *1163 Knottwood Rd., 440-1063* — **Wed** Rock'n'Roll Trivia **Thu – Sat** DJ Dave **Sun** Karaoke

METRO *10250-106 St* — **Wed, Thu & Sat**, info 990-0704

NEWCASTLE PUB & GRILL 6108-90 Ave , 490-1999 — **Thu** Students Night w/ Hip Hop DJ Odin **Fri** Live Music **Sat** Ladies Night & Live Music

NIKKI DIAMONDS *8130- Gateway Blvd Downstairs 439-8006* - **Thu**, 9 pm bail tournament drink specials. **Fri & Sat** 9 - 10 pm loonie highballs DjDancing top 40 & requests

OVERTIME BROILER & TAPROOM *10304-111 St 423-1643* — **Thu** Extreme Thursdays feature cheap drinks & cool music

OVERTIME BROILER & TAPROOM SOUTH *Whitemud Crossing & 106 St., 485-1717* — **Thu – Sat** DJ Mikee

PEPPERS *111 Ave & St Albert Tr., 451-8022* — **Tue** Requests w/ Wyld Stallions **Wed** Wing night **Fri & Sat** Live music

POWERPLANT *U of A Campus, 492-3101* — **Mon** Universal Music prize giveaways **Fri** Crush On Fridays w/ DJ Redpoint **Sat** DJs Jesse & Chris, French & Brit pop, mod

PUCKS *11845 Wayne Gretzky Dr S, 471-1231* — **Fri** Top 40, '80s & Rock & Roll, Ladies specials, cool atmosphere, The newest club on the block **Sat** Hockey Night, closest club to the action, big screen TV's, drink specials **Sun** Pool Tournament, opens 2 pm tournament start 3 pm double knockout, cash prizes drink specials all day

RACK 'EM BILLIARDS URBAN DANCE LOUNGE *10131-97 St., 474-7322* — **Fri & Sat** house, trance, R&B beats, DJ Venus & guests

RATT *7th Floor SUB bldg, U of A Campus* — **Sat** Athletes night w/ DJ Kriegs.

RED'S *WEM, 481-6420* — **Mon** All you can bowl, 9 pm **Tue** Toonie Tuesday **Fri - Sun** Cosmic Bowling **Sun** Hypnotist show at 9:30

RHYTHM & BREWS *4990-92 Ave.* — **Sat** Classic Rock night

ROSARIO'S PUB & KARAOKE CENTRAL *11715-108 Ave, 447-4727* — DJ Sociable Dave all week long **Mon** Monday Night Football (NTN & OB1) **Tue** Toonie Tuesdays (9 pm - 2 am) **Wed & Thu** Drink specials all night long **Fri & Sat** Pool Tournaments on 6 pool tables, foosball **Sun** NFL QB1 all day long

RUM *Phase II, WEM, 486-9494* — **Thu** Student night, drink specials **Fri** R&B dance lessons **Sat** Reserve a Table **Sun** Industry night, dodgeball

RUNWAY NIGHTSPOT *Leduc Inn, 986-4018* — **Wed** — **Sat** DJ Vincenzio

SCOLARS PUB *11113-87 Ave.* — **Mon** Frat night **Wed** Draught special **Sun** Rock trivia

SCRUFFY MURPHY'S IRISH PUB *Whitemud Crossing, 485-1717* — **Thu** Half-price drinks 9 pm - Midnight **Tue** Industry Night, 25% off your tab **Wed** music trivia Info www.scruffymurphyspub.com

SELINA'S *15347 Stony Plain Rd 481-6444* Hip hop, reggae, soca, R&B **Wed** Giveaway Wednesday **Fri** Rupie's Sound Explosion **Sat** Dancehall Saturdays

SMOK'N JOE'S 615 Hermitage Rd, 476-6122 **Wed** Retro Nite **Thu** Ladies Nite **Fri** Stop watch Nite **Sat** Free cash give-a-way, $100 six times a night **Sun** Industry Nite

SPORTSWORLD INLINE & ROLLER SKATING DISCO *13710-104 St 472-6336* — **Tue** RETRO NIGHT hosted by Jam skater ShOrt D **Fri** Top 40 Request w/ a mix of Retro & Disco hosted by Jam Skater ShOrt D **Sat** op 40 Request w/ a mix of Retro & Disco hosted by Confusion. ShOrt & CJ **Sun** op 40 Request w/ a mix of Retro & Disco hosted by Confusion

STOLLI'S *10368-82 Ave , 437-2293* -- **Sun** House Arrest w/ Johnny Dangerous, Andy Inertia w/ guests

STONEHOUSE PUB *11026 Jasper Ave, 420-0448* — **Fri & Sat** DJ Clay

SUITE 69 *8232-103 St, 439-6969* — **Wed Sat** 70s & 80s dance music

THE DRUID *11606 Jasper Ave., 454-9928* **Thu** Chris Wynters & guest **Sat** Harpdog Brown 3 pm Open long weekend Sundays

THE FOX PUB *10125-109 St , 990-0680* — Drinks specials every day Mon Bud football **Wed** Music Trivia **Fri & Sat** DJ retro tunes for every one Sun live local music

THE GRINDER BAR *10957-124 St , 453-1709* — **Fri & Sat** Live Music, Brites, Classic Rock, New Rock, Draft Special [illegible] **Sun** Karaoke, free pool all day.

THE GUILTY MARTINI SOUTH [illegible] *432-7183* — **Thu** [illegible] **Sat** [illegible] every night

THE HIGH RUN CLUB *4926-98 Ave* [illegible] Sports & [illegible] on tap **Tue** Name that Tune 9 pm **Wed** [illegible] night **Fri & Sat** Live entertainment **Sun** Happy hour all day.

THE NEW RUM *Phase II WEM 486-9494* **Thu** Urban Substance **Fri & Sat** Top 40 **Sun** Industry Sunday

THE ONE ON WHYTE *10344-82 Ave* [illegible] **Fri & Sat** Retro [illegible] Crownroyal **Sun** Hospital [illegible]

THE STANDARD [illegible] **Wed** The Standard Issue [illegible] **Thu** Limited edition various DJs & events **Fri** Harman B & DJ Kwake **Sat** [illegible] Info www.thestandard.ca

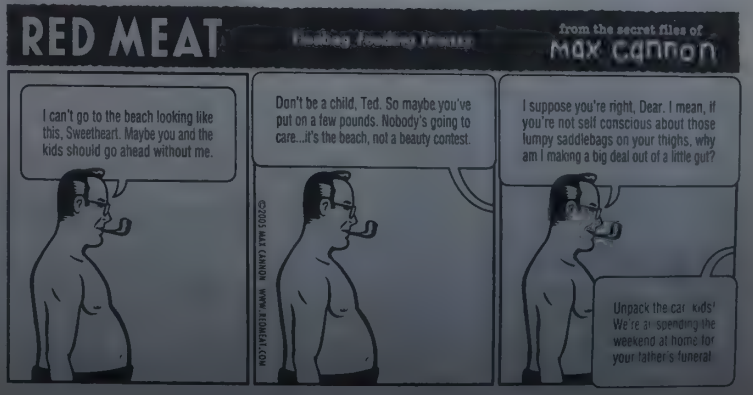
URBAN LOUNGE *8111-105 St* — **Tue** Salsa & the City, dance lessons at 8 pm

WEISERS LOUNGE *[illegible] St Sherwood Park 464-3939* — **Tue** Latin night **Fri** [illegible] **Sat** 4 pm [illegible] **Thu** Fri & Sat [illegible] Dino [illegible] dance night [illegible]

WOOLY BULLY'S *8030 [illegible] 435-2886* — **Mon – Sat** Food & drink specials

COUNTRY

COOK COUNTY SALOON *8010-103 St , 43[illegible] COOK (2665)* — **Wed** Kickin' karaoke **Thu** Classic country **Fri & Sat** Dueling Piano [illegible]



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LAWRON'S LOUNGE SALOON [illegible] 481-8739 — Country/Top 40 Music, dress code in effect, $5 cover charge Tue Western Canada's [illegible] ers, topless waiters, drink specials. NC for ladies before 10:30 pm. NC for all restaurant/hospitality staff. Thu drink specials Fri Student/College Night [illegible]
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MUSSERS PUB [illegible] Sun [illegible] Tue [illegible] Wed [illegible] Thu [illegible] Fri [illegible]
KARAOKE [illegible] Thu [illegible]
J J'S PUB 13160-118 Ave., 451-9180 — Fri & Sat Live entertainment
NEW WEST SALOON [illegible]
WILD WEST SALOON [illegible] — Wed Free beginners dance lessons 6 - 9:30 pm Thu Free intermediate dance lessons 7:30 [illegible]

KARAOKE

ALBERT'S [illegible] Tue [illegible]
[illegible]
BACKSTREET BAR [illegible]
Wed [illegible]
BACKSTAGE TAP & GRILL 12536-137 Ave 457-5483 — Tue Karaoke Wed Karaoke contest
BANKERS PUB 16753-100 St — Fri 9 pm Sun [illegible]
BAR B BAR & GRILL 4249-23 Ave. — Thu 9:30 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
BILLY BOB'S Continental Inn, 16625 Stony Pl Rd 484-7751 — Thu - Sun, 9:30 pm, presented by Stone Rock Entertainmen
BILLY BUD'S 9839-63 Ave., 436-1148 — Sat, 8:30 pm Karaoke Idol contest
BLIND PIG 32 St. Anne St., 418-6332 — Thu
BLUE CHICAGO 14203 Stony Plain Rd., 451-1402 — Tue, 8 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment.
BLUE GUILL 326 Saddleback Rd 434-3124 — [illegible] Sat
BO-DIDDLY'S PUB & GRILL 23 Ave & 66 St., Millwoods Centre — Thu, 9:30 pm w/ Mr [illegible]
BO-DIDDLY'S PUB & GRILL 4274-137 Ave., 476-1918 or 377-0219 — Thu w/ Mr. [illegible]
BORDERLINE PUB 3226-82 St., 462-1888 — Mon - Sat 9:30 pm – 1:30 am
BOSTON PIZZA BEVERLY 3303-118 Ave. — Sat, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
BOSTON PIZZA NAIT 10115 Princess Elizabeth Ave. — Wed, 9 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
BROTHERS PUB 101100 Granada Blvd Shwd Park — Sun, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am
BUD'S LOUNGE Capilano Mall, 98 Ave. & 50 St. — Fri & Sat, 9 pm – 1:30 am w/ Mr [illegible]
BUD'S LOUNGE Londonderry 66 St. & 137 Ave. — Fri & Sat, 9 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
CASSELWOOD PUB 14620 50 St, 473-1010 — Wed, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am.
CHATEAU ON THE HILL Beaumont — Fri, 9 pm [illegible]
CHIMMY'S 8315-144 Ave., 478-1770 — Thu & Fri [illegible]
CLAREVIEW PUB 104, 550 Clareview Rd, 414-[illegible] Tue [illegible]
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CLIFF CLAYVIN'S 9710-105 St., 424-1614 — Fri & Sat [illegible]
COOK COUNTY SALOON [illegible] 432-[illegible] Wed [illegible]
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CROWN & ANCHOR [illegible] Thu [illegible] pm w/ Shaun Donavison
CROWN & CROSS [illegible] Fri [illegible] pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
DANIEL'S LOUNGE [illegible] Fri & Sat
DOC'S LOUNGE [illegible] 1100 — Wed, Fri & Sat 9:30 – 1:30 am

DOYLE'S PUB [illegible] Fri & Sat [illegible]
Dunnigan's PUB [illegible] Wed 9 pm – 1 am & Sun 8 - 12 am
EDMONTON [illegible] Mon [illegible]
[illegible]
KING'S [illegible] Sun [illegible] pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment
FOX PUB [illegible] Tue [illegible]
[illegible]
FRANCO'S 14059 Victoria Tr. 478-4636 — Thu [illegible] Sat [illegible]
FRANKLIN'S PARK LOUNGE 2016 Sherwood Dr Shwd Park — Fri & Sat, 10 pm – 2 am
FUNNY [illegible] Sun [illegible] pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
GAS [illegible] Tue [illegible]
Wed 9 pm - 2 am, w/ Gord's Live Jukebox
H2O SPORTS BAR & LOUNGE 10044-82 Ave 433 5794 — Tue Thu Sat & Sun
HANNON'S [illegible]
Fri 8 pm - 12 am, w/ Deo Thulin - Hot [illegible]
[illegible]
HILLVIEW PUB 311 Woodvale Rd W, Millwoods, 462 0468 — Fri 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr [illegible]
[illegible]
HORSHU LOUNGE 137 Ave & 58 St. — Mon & Sat, 10 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
INDIANHOOD PUB [illegible]
The [illegible] Sat [illegible]
JAMMS 15 [illegible]
Mon 7 pm - 11 pm, hosted by Peggy Sue
JO'S POLAR PUB 6825-83 St. 413-1883 — Thu & Fri 9 pm
JUGS PUB 7450-82 Ave. 465-4046 — Sat, 9 pm
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KELLY'S 11540 Jasper Ave., 451-8825 — Sun & Wed
KINGSKNIGHT PUB 9221-34 Ave., 433-2599 — Thu Smirking Jay 9 pm
KNIGHTS PUB 11860-145 Ave —Tue, Thu - Sat w/ Mr. Entertainment
KNIGHTS PUB SOUTH 1919-105 St. 461-0587 — Fri & Sat, 10 pm - 2 am w/ Gord's Live Entertainment
KOSMOS 5011-50 Ave., Leduc, 986-3122 — Wed & Sat, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr Entertainment
L. B. 'S PUB 23 Akins Dr, St. Albert, 460-9100 — Tue, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Karaokonuts Thu, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Hot Tunes
LAKEVIEW PUB 18-9104-179 Ave. — Sat 9 pm w/ Off-Key Entertainment
LE GLOBE 149 St. & Stony Plain Rd., 489-1022 — Mon - Thu & Sat, 9 pm
LEGENDS PUB #105, 6104-172 St., 481-2786 — Wed, 9 pm
LOCKER ROOM 10209-100 Ave., 428-6442 — Mon & Sat
METRO BILLIARDS 10250-106 St., 990-0704 — Tue, 10 pm – 2 am w/ Loung Lizard Ent.
MICHAEL'S 11730 Jasper Ave., 482-4767 — Mon, w/ Mr Entertainment
MILTON'S CAFÉ & BAR 10235-124 St., 451-8188 — Fri, Sat, Starts at 4 pm
MUGGN'Z PUB 6655-178 St. — Wed & Sat
NEW ORLEANZ NIGHTCLUB 15347 Stony Pl Rd, [illegible] — Tue
NEWCASTLE PUB 6108-90 Ave., 490-1999 — Tue w/ Right Said Ed.
NIKKI DIAMONDS 8130 Gateway Blvd — Mon, 9 pm [illegible] Stone Rock
[illegible]
ORLANDO'S I 15163-121 St., 457-1195 — Wed & Thu 9 pm - 1 am w/ Off-Key Sun w/ Mr. [illegible]
ORLANDO'S II 13509-127 St., 451-7799 — Tue & Wed, 9 pm - 1:30 am w/ Mr. Entertainment.
OVERLAND LOUNGE 12960 St. Albert Tr. — Fri [illegible] pm – 1 am w/ Off-Key
PARKLAND PUB Spruce Grove 960-6871 — Every Sat [illegible] Karaoke
[illegible]
PEPPERS [illegible] Thu [illegible]
[illegible]
RAMADA [illegible] 68 St — Tue - Sat, karaoke corral, 9 pm w/ Mr [illegible]
RISING SUN CAFÉ & SOBER DANCE CLUB 11311 Kingsway Ave., 479-3775 — Wed & Thu, Family karaoke 6 pm Midnight
ROSARIO'S PUB & KARAOKE CENTRAL 11715-[illegible] 442-4777 — 7 days a week, 9 pm
ROSE BOWL PIZZA [illegible] St 48-[illegible]
[illegible] Wed & Sat
Rosie's Bar & Grill [illegible] 124 St 48-[illegible]
7 days a week, 9:30 pm
ROSIE'S BAR & GRILL 10475-80 Ave., 439 7211 — Thu - Sat, 9:30 pm – 1:30 am
ROSIE'S BAR 63 Ave & 99 St — Thu – Sat, 9 pm [illegible]
ROSIE'S LOUNGE 10604-101 St., 423-3499 — Mon 9 pm Tryoaoke Tue – Sat, 9 pm Karaoke
SAK'S ON 51 ST 10525-51 Ave. — Fri & Sat
SANDS HOTEL 12340 Ft. Rd — Fri, 9 pm w [illegible]
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SCHLARS [illegible] Sun [illegible] Tue 9:30 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
SHERLOCK HOLMES Bourbon Street, WEM — Sun 9 pm - 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment
SILVER BULLET 4703-97 St., 437-6203 — Every Tue, karaoke contest
SILVER MARTINI 10668-156 St., 484-9753 — Thu & Sat, 9 pm w/ Prosound Productions
SMITTY'S WESTMOUNT Groat Rd & 111 Ave — Thu, 9:30 pm - 1 am
SMOK'N JOES ROADHOUSE 615 Hermitage Rd, 476-6122 — Wed w/ Rockin Kenny
SPIKES RESTAURANT & LOUNGE 99 St & 32 Ave 430-3863 — Fri & Sat w/ TLC entertainment
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SPORTSMANS LOUNGE 145 8107-50 St. — Thu 9 pm – 1 am w/ Mr. Entertainment
SPORTSWORLD INLINE & ROLLER SKATING DISCO 13710-104 St. 472-6336 — Tue, Fri & Sat 7 pm - 12 am Sat & Sun, 1 pm - 5 pm.
STRATHERN PUB 9514-87 St., 465-5478 — Wed, Fri & Sat
THE DRUID 11606 Jasper Ave. — Wed, 9 30 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
THE DRUID SOUTH 2945 Calgary Trail South. — Wed, 9 pm w/ Mr. Entertainment
THE GRINDER 10957-124 St., 453-1709 — Sun, 9 pm w/ Eddie.
THYME TO DINE 15505-118 Ave. — Fri & Sat, 9 pm – 1 am
TODAY'S PUB 5224-86 St. — Fri & Sat, 9 pm – 1 am w/ Big Time Entertainment.
WINSTON'S PUB 9016-132 Ave. — Wed, Fri & Sat, 9 pm w/ Mr Entertainment.
WOODY'S 11725B Jasper Ave (Upstairs), 488-6636 — Sat – Mon w/ Randy, Tue & Wed w/ Tizzy
YESTERDAY'S Boudreau Rd, St. Albert, 459-0295 — Tue, 9 pm - 1 am w/ Off-Key [illegible]

OPEN STAGE

THURSDAY

BACKDRAUGHT PUB 8307-99 St., 430-9200 — Open mic at 9 pm, everyone welcome.
BACKSTAGE TAP & GRILL 12536-137 Ave., 457-5483 — Open jam at 8 pm, no cover
BUDS LOUNGE St Albert. 458-3826 — Open stage 8pm - 11pm.
DUSTER'S PUB 6402-118 Ave., 474-5554 or [illegible] 997 — Open stage 9 pm hosted by Brian [illegible]
EASTBOUND EATERY 11248-104 Ave. — Jazz session 8 pm hosted by Blake Kinley.
J & R BAR 4003-106 St., 436-4403 — Open Stage 8:30 pm hosted by The Poster Boys.
J.J.'S PUB 118 Ave. St Albert Tr., 489-7462 — Open Stage hosted by Enrique.
JAMMERS PUB 11948-127 Ave. 451-8779 — Every Thu, 7 pm - 11 pm. Professionally run, non-political jam
JUGS PUB 7450-82 Ave., 465-4046 — Open mic [illegible]
NAKED [illegible] CAFE & [illegible] Jasper Ave., 425-9730 — Open stage 8 pm, bring your own instruments, poetry, etc.
ROSS [illegible] Ave — Jam session 7 pm, hosted by the Wild Rose Old [illegible]
ST. THOMAS COFFEE HOUSE 44 St Thomas St, [illegible] — Every Thu [illegible] open stage and jam 7:30 - 10:30 pm hosted by Jim & Penny
THE BLIND DUCK 10416-118 Ave., 479-7193 — Open stage hosted by Loran Burnstick, 9:30 pm - close
THE GRINDER [illegible] St 453-[illegible] — Thursday Jam night
THE NEST 11762-106 St. — Every Thu. Open Stage w/ Nick Zyla.

FRIDAY

ESPRESSO STATION [illegible] Ave [illegible] from [illegible] 963 6635 [illegible] - 10 pm [illegible]
GOBBLE GOBBLE [illegible] Fort Rd - 8 pm - 1 [illegible]
WOODCROFT HALL [illegible] 115 Ave 7:30 pm [illegible] The Jubilee Folk Club

SATURDAY

BACKSTAGE TAP & GRILL [illegible] 457-5483 — Open jam6 –10 pm.
BLIND PIG PUB St Albert — 3:30 pm Hosted by the Brothers of Soul
BLUES ON WHYTE 10329-82 Ave., 439-5058 — Blues jam 3 - 8.30 pm.
CHIMMY'S 8318-144 Ave. 478-1770 — Open stage jams 3 - 7 pm
JAMMERS PUB 11948-127 Ave. 451-8779 — Every Sat, 3 pm - 7 pm
JASPER PLACE HOTEL 15303 Stony Plain Rd., 489-1906 — Open Stage, 3 – 6 pm.
NEW WEST TAVERN 111 Ave. & 151 St. — Afternoon jam session at 3 pm
ROSIE'S BAR AND GRILL 10315-124 St., 482-1600 — Open blues & country jam 5:30 - 9:30 pm.
BLIND PIG PUB St. Albert, 418-6332 — Afternoon jam w/ Carmen

SUNDAY

BLUE CHICAGO 142003-Stony Plain Rd., 451-1402 — Open stage, 8 pm, everyone Welcome
CARGO & JAMES TEA SHOPPE 10634-82 Ave. — Open Stage 7 – 10 pm hosted by Rhea Marion
JAMMERS PUB 11948-127 Ave. 451-8779 — Open blues jam, 3 pm - 8 pm
JASPER PLACE HOTEL 15326-Stony Plain Rd., 480-6444 — Open Stage hosted by Bruce Fox, 3 - 7 pm
NEW ORLEANZ BLUES & JAZZ 15347 Stony Plain Rd. 484-2602 — Singer/Songwriter open stage 7 - 9 pm
NEWCASTLE PUB & GRILL 6108-90 Ave. 490-1999 — Open Stage w/ Willie James & Crawdad, 3 pm - 6 pm.
NIKKI DIAMONDS 8130 Gateway Blvd., 439-8006 — Open Jam w/ Mike
O'BYRNES IRISH PUB 10616-82 Ave., 414-6766 — Open Stage hosted by Joe Bird, 9 pm.
OSCARS PUB 221 Chippewa Rd. — Sun, 8 pm, w/ Chris Wynters
ROSEBOWL 10111-117 St, 482 2589 — Jam w/ Swampoflers 9:30 pm.
WUNDERBAR 8120-101 St., 436-2286 — Open stage country jamboree w/ Rob Jarvis.

MONDAY

BLIND PIG PUB St. Albert, 418-6332 —
LB'S PUB 23 Akins Dr., St. Albert, 460-9100 — 9 pm – 2 am w/ guest hosts & house band.
SIDETRACK CAFE 10333-112 St., 421-1326 — Every Mon, 8:30 pm featuring Ben Spencer, NC.
THE DRUID SOUTH 2940 Calgary Trail, 465-6800 - Open Stage w/ Chris Wynters, 9 pm.

TUESDAY

BLIND PIG PUB St. Albert, 418-6332 — Evening jam w/ Ammar.
HONEST MUR'S 8937-82 Ave., 463-6397 — Open Stage w/ The Retro Rockets, 9 pm.
LEGENDS PUB 6104-172 St., 481-2786 — Open jam night.
SECOND CUP Churchill Square — 7:30 pm hosted by Ron Taylor.
THE DRUID 11606 Jasper Ave., 454-9928 — Chris Wynters hosts open stage at 9 pm.
YARDBIRD SUITE 10203-86 Ave., 432-0428 — Jam sessions 9 pm.

WEDNESDAY

ATLANTIC TRAP & GILL 7704-104 St., 432-4611 — Open mic 8 pm, hosted by Duff.
BUDS LOUNGE Grandin Plaza, St. Albert, 458-3826 — Acoustic jam 8 pm.
METRO 10250-106 St. 990-0704 — Wed open stage jam w/ Enrique & the World Beat Band.
PLEASANTVIEW HALL 10860-57 Ave. — Bluegrass jam session 7:30 pm hosted by the Northern Bluegrass Circle Music Society. Info: 434-5997.
ROSSDALE COMMUNITY HALL 10135-96 Ave. — Little Flower open stage 8 - 11 pm, hosted by Brian Gregg. Info: 429-3624 or www.ecn.ab.ca/~bgbg/flower.html
ROYAL CANADIAN BRANCH 10220-156 St. — Open stage jam, 9 pm w/ The Dino Dominelli Hot Five
THE LOCKER ROOM 10209-100 Ave. — Open Stage for comedians & musicians.
VICTORY LOUNGE 10030-102 St. — Jam/open stage guest hosts

CONCERTS

AN EVENING OF GERSHWIN — Nov 27 7:30 pm [illegible] Place (100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park) Feat Elizabeth Raycroft, Joseph Lai & Charles Stadie. Tickets $20 adults, $15 children from FES
BOWSER & BLUE — Nov 25 St Basil's Cultural Centre, 10919-71 Ave. Presented by the Full Moon Folk Club. Tickets $15 from TIX
CONSTELLATIONS ORGAN EXTRAVAGANZA — Nov 20 8 pm Winspear Centre (9720-102 Ave.) A concert tribute to the late Dr. Stuart Davis. Tickets from WIN.
DAVIS CONCERT SHOWCASE — Nov 20 [illegible] Winspear Centre (9720-102 Ave.) Scott [illegible] Fantasy, conductor William Eddins. Tickets [illegible] WIN.
DOWN TO THE WOOD — Nov 18 Centre For the Spiritual Awareness (9[illegible] Ave.) W/ Rhea March. Tickets $12 [illegible] 1909 or $15 at the door.
EDMONTON YOUTH ORCHESTRA — Nov [illegible] pm, Winspear Centre (9720-102 Ave.) [illegible] Conductor, Michael Massey. Tickets [illegible] $10 seniors/students from TIX
GAURI GUHA — Nov 19, 7:30 pm [illegible] Jean (8406-91 St.) presented by [illegible] Music Society. Tickets $18 from [illegible]
HOJA — Nov 19, 7:30 pm, John [illegible] Grant MacEwan College, Centre of [illegible] (10045-155 St.) Tickets from TIX
JAMMIN' FOR JASMINE BENEFIT CONCERT [illegible] Dec 1, 8:30 pm, Trans Alta Arts Barn [illegible] 84 Ave.) Feat Darkson Tribe, The [illegible] more. Tickets $10 from Soular [illegible] Edmonton Mall, 414-1347)
LOVE & LAMENT IN ITALY — Nov 25 [illegible] Convocation Hall (U of A Campus) [illegible] Kerley, soprano, Timothy Shantz [illegible] Zaidan, soprano, John Huci, tenor [illegible] Ratzlaff, baritone, Adam Wead, [illegible] Lee, viola da gamba. Tickets $2[illegible] seniors/students from TIX
MARIA DUNN — Nov 18, 7:30 pm [illegible] Stage (1001 Calahoo Rd. Spruce Grove) [illegible] Troublemakers. Tickets from HOJ[illegible]
MUSIC WEDNESDAYS AT NOON [illegible] pm, McDougall United Church (10025-[illegible] Strathcona String Quartet. Admission [illegible]
NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE ORCHESTRA [illegible] — Nov 19, 7:30 pm. Winspear Centre [illegible] Ave.) Conductor Pinchas Zuckerman. [illegible] from WIN.
PACIFIC BAROQUE ORCHESTRA [illegible] pm, Convocation Hall (U of A) Presented [illegible] Edmonton Chamber Music Society. Tickets [illegible] adults, $20 seniors, $5 students from TIX
ROBBINS LIGHTER CLASSICS — Nov 17 [illegible] Winspear Centre (9720-102 Ave.) A Mix of [illegible] musical director William Eddins & pianist [illegible] Meek. Tickets from WIN.
SANCTUS — Nov 19, 8 pm, McDougall [illegible] Church (10025-101 St.) Arlose Women [illegible] & Da Camera Singers. Tickets $13 adults [illegible] students/seniors from TIX.
SARAH SLEAN — Nov 22, Myer Horowitz Theatre (U of A Campus) w/ Chad VanGaal [illegible] Tickets $15 from TM.
SIMILIA — Nov 25, 8 pm, Muttart Hall [illegible] College (10050 MacDonald Drive) Nadia [illegible] flute & Annie Labrie guitar. Tickets $20 [illegible] TIX.
SINGER SONGWITER SERIES — Nov 25 [illegible] pm, SUB Stage (Students' Union Building [illegible] Campus) Stew Kirkwood. Admission [illegible]
THE CAM NEUFELD CONNECTION — Nov [illegible] pm, Bonnie Doon Hall (9240-93 St.) CD [illegible] party. Tickets $12 from Myhre's Music [illegible] the door.
THE COTTARS — Nov 26, 7:30 pm Festival Place (100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park) [illegible] $22 - $26 from FES.
THE PINK ELEMENT — Nov 20, 3 pm, St. [illegible] Timothy's Church (8420-145 St.) Cordale [illegible] WellHi Hu. Admission free.
ZOE LEWIS — Nov 19, Queen Alexandra [illegible] (10425 University Ave.) Tickets $18 from [illegible]

LIVE COMEDY

DUKE OF ARGYLL 7230 Argyll Rd [illegible]
Every Sun Yuk Yuk's On tour hosted by [illegible] Sveen.
FOXI THE FOOLHARDY Rapid Fire Theatre [illegible] 10920-88 Ave. — Join Rapid Fire [illegible] improvisers in an entertaining [illegible] improv theatre workshop. Classes [illegible] in one-month sessions. Beginner [illegible]
Wed, 7 - 9:30 pm, advanced classes [illegible] 9:30 pm. Fee $75 + gst. Info 448-0[illegible] www.rapidfiretheatre.com
LEGENDS PUB #105, 6101-172 St [illegible] — Every Mon, Yuk Yuk's comedy [illegible]
LIPTON JUST FOR LAUGHS COMEDY [illegible] Nov 18, 7 pm, 9:30 pm, Winspear [illegible] 102 Ave.) Feat Shaun Majumder, [illegible] Carl Barron, Ryan Belleville & more [illegible] from WIN
RUSSELL PETERS — Nov 26, 8 pm & [illegible] pm, Winspear Centre (9720-102 Ave.) [illegible] Harris & Debra DiGiovanni. Tickets [illegible] from WIN
THE COMEDY FACTORY 408-3414 [illegible] — Thu - Sat Donovan Workun [illegible] 8:30 pm, Fri 8:30 pm & 10 pm [illegible] 10:30 pm
THE COMIC STRIP Bourbon Street [illegible] 5999 — Thu - Sun Dwight Slade [illegible] Wed Improv. Showtimes nightly [illegible] 8:30 pm & 10:30 pm, Sat 8 pm [illegible] 8 pm, Silly Sundays 12 pm [illegible]
YUK YUKS 66 St & 137 Ave [illegible] — Thu - Sat Cash Levy. Showtimes [illegible] pm, Fri & Sat, 10:30 pm

FREE STUFF

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Prize [illegible] Theatre
Skill testing question: [illegible] Deepa Mehta [illegible]
Prize [illegible] Boogie or Cool Night And [illegible]
Skill testing question: [illegible] Night [illegible]

LISTINGS

EXHIBITS

[illegible] BUGERA GALLERY *12310 Jasper Ave.* [illegible] **Nov 26**. Watercolours by Jerry Heine. [illegible] A 27 Winter Walk Gallery Info. 482-[illegible]

[illegible] RAFT COUNCIL *10186-106 St., 488-[illegible]22* **Dec 3** *Fibre Optics* - coloured [illegible] Jeneran Trilley *Drawn to the [illegible] ss Beads From Alberta* Aurora [illegible] Hours: Mon - Sat 10 am - [illegible] E-mail: acc@albertacraft.ab.ca.

[illegible] ODE GALLERY *12220 Jasper Ave.* — New [illegible] from landscape painter Michel Leroux, [illegible] paintings by Josee Lord & rodeo pastels [illegible] Hardie Open Tue - Sun.

[illegible] & SCIENCE BY MARCE & MARCE — [illegible] dimensional paintings by Brenda [illegible] B, appointment, *435-5838.*

[illegible] HABITAT *10217-106 St 428-2787* — [illegible] Jan 1 *365 Days Ago* -new work from [illegible] doux, Ken Christensen, Isabel [illegible] Dinorah Garcia, Fish Griwkowsky, [illegible] Harasywin, Ted Kerr, Josh Klassen, [illegible] pinski, Josh Lowen, Matt Prins, Gerry [illegible] Joel Rhein, Amanda Woodward & [illegible] Zariwny Opening reception **Nov 17**, 5 [illegible] Info: www.artshab.com.

BANYAN TREE GALLERY *10336-107 St., 425-[illegible]* Featuring contemporary South Asian [illegible] s, furniture, jewelry and more. Info: [illegible] banyantreegallery.ca.

BEARCLAW GALLERY *10403-124 St.* — **Until** [illegible] Dec 1 *Cultural Hierography* - new work by Jane [illegible] Wiras Info: 482-1204.

BOHEMIA CYBER CAFÉ *11012 Jasper Ave.* — [illegible] bohemiacafe.ca/about.html.

BRIARMEAD ZIOLA KENNEDY ARCHITECTURE *[illegible]3-122 St* — **Until Dec 2**: *Roots* - paintings [illegible] Tychkowsky. Hours: Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 [illegible]

CARROLL & JAMES TEA HOUSE *105-50 St.* [illegible] St St Albert — Info: 458-3040.

CENTRE D'ARTS VISUELS DE L'ALBERTA *9103-[illegible] Ave., 461-3427* — **Until Nov 30**: *Women & [illegible]* [illegible] Blanchet, Doris Darbasie, Maryse [illegible] Louise Piquette.

CHUCKHAS *8118-100 St., 432-9444* — Info: [illegible] *telusplanet.net*

CHRISTI BERGSTROM'S RED GALLERY *9621-[illegible] Ave* — **Until Nov**: *2005 Fall Painting Show* - [illegible] selection of old favorites & a couple of "Dogs" [illegible] Christi's archives. View the web site at [illegible] gallery.ca. Hours: Mon - Fri; 11 am - 5 [illegible] Sat by appointment, 439-8210

COLLECTIV CONTEMPORARY ART *6507-112 [illegible] 431-0002* — Hours: Wed-Fri 12 pm - 6 [illegible] Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 12 pm, 4 pm. Info: [illegible] collectiv ca.

CRAFTMAN'S COVE *Westmount Shopping [illegible] 454-2656* — Tole Painting and Victorian [illegible] by Bev Runolfson

DESTINA GALLERY *10727-124 St., 488-8720* — **Until** Dec [illegible] eat new artists to the gallery [illegible] **Nov 24**, 6 pm Hours. Wed - Sat, [illegible]

DOUGLAS UDELL GALLERY *10332-124 St* — [illegible] 435-1135

EDMONTON ART GALLERY *2 Sir Winston [illegible] Square, 422-6223* — **Until Jan 8**: *[illegible] Philosophy* **Until Jan 8**: *French [illegible] from the Collection of the National [illegible] Canada* **Children's Gallery Until Jan [illegible]**: *[illegible] Ring (Forever Young)* by Yardley-[illegible] Tues Wed & Fri, 10:30 am - 5 [illegible] 10 am - 8 pm, Sat, Sun & holidays, [illegible] 5 pm. Info: [illegible] ngallery.com.

ELECTRUM GALLERY *12419 Stony Plain Rd., 487-1822* **Until Dec 2005**: *Collection 2005*: [illegible] artists on rotation monthly Hours: [illegible] appointment only Wed - Fri, 10 am - [illegible] 10 am - 4 pm, closed long weekends.

EXTENSION CENTRE GALLERY *2nd Fl, 8303-[illegible] 034* — **Oct 24 - Nov 23**: *a retro-[illegible] Medical Spiritual Paintings* - Chinese [illegible] Dr Steven Aung. Hours 8:30 am - [illegible] Fri 9 am - noon, Sat. Info 492-[illegible]

FAB GALLERY *1-1 Fine Arts Building, U of A* [illegible] Hours Tues - Fri, 10 am - 5 pm, Sat, [illegible]

FRONT DOOR *10308-81 Ave., 432-7535* — [illegible] Wed 10 am - 6 pm, Thu & Fri, 10 [illegible] 10 am - 6 pm, Sun, 12 - 5 pm

FRAME OF MIND *6150-90 Ave* — Hours 10-6, [illegible]

FRONT GALLERY *12312 Jasper Ave., 488-2952* [illegible] Sat 10 am - 5 pm

FRONT GALLERY *12312 Jasper Ave., 488-2952* [illegible] Nov 23 New works by Jeff Sylvester. [illegible] Sat 10 am - 5 pm

GALLERIA OF CRAFTERS & ARTISANS *1082* [illegible] local art on various media [illegible] Armstrong Open 7 days a [illegible]

GREY NUNS HOSPITAL *3015-62 St* — Hours [illegible] 1 pm

HARCOURT HOUSE GALLERY *3rd floor, 10215-[illegible]* **Until Dec 17**: *The World is [illegible]* by Candice Tarnowski

Info: harcourt@telusplanet.net or 426-4180

HUMAN ECOLOGY GALLERY *U of A, 89 Ave. & 116 St.* — **Until Dec 6**: *Tibet & Beyond* - Collection of rare & authentic period dress

JEFF ALLEN GALLERY *Stathcona Place Senior Centre, 10831 University Ave.* — **Nov 7 - Dec 1** *Landscapes From the Heart* - An exhibition & sale of fabric landscapes by Ada Moyles Opening reception **Nov 9** 6:30 pm

JOHNSON GALLERY(north) *11817-80 St., 479-8424* — Hours: Tue - Fri, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm, Sat, 9:30 am - 4 pm

JOHNSON GALLERY(south) *7711-85 St., 465-6171* — **Nov 4 - Nov 30**: Edmonton Art Club show & sale. Hours: Mon - Fri, 9 am - 5 pm, Sat 10 am - 5 pm

KAMENA GALLERY & FRAMES *5718-104 St 944-9497* — Photography by Wei Wong, Chinese Calligraphy on rice paper of many colours by Willie Wong, prints from *Celebrating Woman* by by Larissa Sembaliuk Cheladyn, Northen Light & floral watercolour by Willie Wong. Hours. Mon - Fri, 10 am - 6 pm, Thu 10 am - 8 pm, Sat 10 am - 5 pm.

LANDO GALLERY *11130-105 Ave., 990-1161* — **Nov 19 - Dec 10**: *Song of Songs* - works by Tsilla Barzel. Opening reception **Nov 19**, 2 pm - 5 pm. Hours: Mon - Fri, 10 am - 5:30 pm & Sat. 10 am - 4:30 pm, Sun by appointment. Visit www.landogallery.com for info

LATITUDE 53 *10248-106 St., 423-5353* — **Oct 21 - Nov 26**: *Spectre* by Joanne Lyons. **Oct 26 - Nov 26**: *The Clothes Project* by Megan Wilson & Rob Ochiena. Nov 17 – 26: *fields awake* Info: www.latitude53.org

LITTLE CHURCH GALLERY *455 King St. Spruce Grove* — Info: 962-0664.

MCMULLEN GALLERY *8440-112 St., 407-7152* — **Until Nov 20**: *Russian Reflections by the Russian Society of Artists* feat. Marina Bazos, Elena Dumansky, Elena Cowan-Priputnicova, Igor Palepa, Iryan Karpenko, Igor Postash & Vlada Blinova. Hours: Mon - Fri, 10 am - 8 pm; Sat & Sun, 1 - 8 pm. Admission: Free.

MISERICORDIA HOSPITAL *16940-87 Ave.* — **Until Nov 25**: The Edmonton Art Club exhibition & sale.

MODERN EYES GALLERY & GIFT *Downtown (in the same building as Ric's Grill) St Albert, 459-9102* — Carrying works by painters Graham Flatt, Ian Sheldon, Georgia Graham, Lorraine Oberg; sculptures by Roy Leadbeater, Delayne Corbett, and Fred Oberg; Maggie Walt Jewelry; Antique furniture, Kitras glass, Mogador, Sealed with a Kiss 10% off. Open edition framed prints up to 40% off. Hours: Tues - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm.

MUDDY WATERS CAFE *8211-111 St.* — **Until Dec 10**: Paintings by Steve McLean. Info: 966-8612.

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC ART GALLERY *5411-51 St., Stony Plain* — **Nov 17 & 26**: The Edmonton Rug Hookers Society, demonstrations in the Settler's Cabin. Hours: Daily, 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 10 am - 6:30 pm. Info: 963-2777

MURUNGO GALLERY *10614-124 St.* — Info: www.murungogallery.ca

MUSÉE HÉRITAGE MUSEUM *5 St. Anne St., St. Albert, 459-1528* — **Until Nov 27**: *Northern Owls.* Hours: Mon - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm; & Sun, 1 - 5 pm. Admission: Suggested donation of $2.

MUTTART CONSERVATORY *9626-96A St. 496-8787* — **Until Nov 18**: *From the Window* - by Wedny Gervals, charcoal & chalk drawings & Garneau neighbourhood scenes.

NAKED CYBER CAFÉ *10354 Jasper Ave.* — Info: 425-9730.

NINA HAGGERTY CENTRE *9704-111 Ave., 474-7611* — **Oct 20 - Dec 30**: *Offerings From the Third Dimension* - Experimental works in clay. Hours: Mon - Fri, 10 am - 2:30 pm, Tue, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Thu, 6 pm - 8 pm. Info: www.ninahaggertyart.ca.

ORTONA GALLERY *9722-102 St., 439-6943* — Hours: Sat & Sun, 12 - 5 pm.

PICTURE THIS *959 Ordze Rd., Sherwood Park on Wye Road* — **Until Nov 19**: *Portraits of the Buffalo* - by Wes Olsen. Info: 467-3038.

PROFILES PUBLIC ART GALLERY *19 Perron St., St Albert, 460-4310* — **Until Nov 26**: *Surfacing* - abstract paintings by Robert Dmytruik, Paddy LAmb & Tom Yurko. Opening reception **Nov 3**, 7 pm Hours: Tue - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm, Thu, 10 am - 8 pm.

RED STRAP MARKET *10305-97 St., 497-2211* — Hours Tue - Sun 11 am - 5 pm

ROWLES & COMPANY *10130-103 St., 426-4035* — Featuring over 100 Western Canadian artists in oil, acrylic, water-colour painting, bronze, blown glass, metal, moose antler carving & soapstone Westin acrylics by Kathryn Sherman Scotia Place water colours & acrylics by Frances Alty-arscott Sun Life Place oils by George Schwindt & acrylics by Bi Y Cheng Hours Weekdays, 9 am - 5 pm Sat, Noon - 5 pm Info www.rowles.ab.ca

RUTHERFORD SOUTH LIBRARY *U of A Campus* — **Until Dec 31** *Laying the Foundations The Legacy of Alexander Cameron Rutherford* - feat photographs, archival documents & important works from Alexander Rutherford's book collection Hours Mon - Fri, 12 pm - 4:30 pm

SADDLERY GALLERY *10137-104 St., 423-4484* — Hours Tue - Sat 10 am - 7 pm

SCOTT GALLERY *10411 - 124 St* — **Nov 12 - Nov 29** New works by Hilary Prince Hours Tue - Sat 10 am - 5 pm Info www.scottgallery.com

SERENDIPITY GALLERY *9860-90 Ave., 433-0388* — New oils by Rhonda Harder-Epp, watercolours by Friedrich Pater R.C.A., ceramic masks by Maurice Lwambwa-Tshang, collages by Sylvia Grist and new ceramics by Debra Demers-Bryan.

SNAP GALLERY *Society of Northern Alberta Print Artists, 10309-97 St., 423-1492* — **Oct 20 - Nov 26**: *Language & Arts* - Students from Glendale Elementary School. Hours: Tues - Sat, Noon - 5 pm. Info: snap@snapartists.com

SNOWBIRD GALLERY *West Edmonton Mall, 444-1024* — Every **Sat**, 1 - 3 pm features an artist painting in the courtyard. Works by Earl Cummins, Kari Duke, Jean Peters, Jim Vest, Ken Brown Don Sharpe, Yardley Jones and more Jewelry by Honicka, glass by Lu Cadman, pottery by Nuboro Kubo and Donna Shymko

STUDIO GALLERY *143 Grandin Park Plaza, St Albert, 460-5990* - **Until Dec 31** *Wet Paint* - Small works from the studio associates individual choices Opening reception **Nov 26**, 1 pm Hours Tues - Fri 10 am - 5 pm; Sat 10 am - 4 pm By appointment 460-5990

TELUS CENTRE *U of A Campus* — Hours Mon - Fri 7 30 am - 6 pm Sat 1 4 pm

TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE *(AKA Edmonton's Space & Science Centre) 11211-142 St 451-3344* - Permanent Exhibits *The Body Fantastic, Mystery Avenue, The Greens House Space Place, Discoveryland & DinoDen* in the Explorer Gallery. Syncrude Science Stage. Science Demos - Cryogenics, Electricity, What Puts The Fizz In Soda Pop? Info: 451-3344, www.odyssium.com.

THE VAAA GALLERY *3rd Floor, 10215-112 St., 421-1731* — **Nov 17 - Dec 21**: *Continuum: An Exploration of Fibre* - fibre works by the Hand Weavers, Spinners & Dyers of Alberta. Opening reception **Nov 17**, 7 pm. Info: visartaa@telus-planet net

TRANSALTA BARNS *10330-84 Ave* — Hours 11 am - 8 pm

TU GALLERY *10718-124 St* — Info 452-9662.

URBAN ROOTS *10143-82 Ave* — **Until Dec 31** Oil on canvas & 3D Digital by Peca Rajkovic, sculpture & masks by Ritchie Velthuis, oil on canvas & bronze castings, Tania Garner-Tomas Info 438-7978

VANDERLEELIE GALLERY *10183-112 St., 452-0286* - Paintings by Lam photographs by Anderson Hours Tues - Sat 10 am - 5 30 pm

VISION IMAGES GALLERY *14224-Stony Plain Road* Info 414-0866

WALTERDALE PLAYHOUSE *10322-83 Ave* — **Nov 30 - Dec 10** *De Minimus* - Mixed media collage acrylic & watercolours in small format by Donna Marchyshyn-Shymko & marie Tweedy Info www.waterdaleplayhouse.com

WEST END GALLERY *12308 Jasper Ave.* — Info 488-4892

WILDWOOD GALLERY *5410-50 St. Wildwood, 325-3904* — Features an eclectic collection of unique original works in metal, wood & clay. Hours: 11 am - 5 pm daily.

WORKS GALLERY *10155 Jasper Ave., Main Floor* — Info 426-2122 or www.theworks.ab.ca

YOGA LOFT *10309 Whyte Ave. Upstairs* — Info [illegible]

ZIEGLER HUGHES GALLERY & SERENDIPITY FRAMING *9860-90 Ave. 433-0388* *Anabuacalli Mexican Jewelry and Art* Works by Canadian and Mexican artists and artisans Hours Tues & Wed, 10 am - 6 pm Thu & Fri, 10 am - 8 pm Sat Noon - 8 pm, Sun & Mon Noon - 5 pm

ZOCALO *10826-95 St 428-0754* — Hours Mon Wed 9 am - 6 pm Thu - Fri, 9 am - 9 pm, Sun, 12 -5 pm

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Random phrases for your brain

ACROSS

1 Find one's spine
10 Reader to pick
15 1991 Jeff Daniels movie, or a 1976 hit song for Nazareth
16 Record silence over
17 They always get the shaft
18 Air, as one's opinion
19 Zilch
20 David Sedaris's sister
21 It may leave a print on the beach
22 Neighbor to the south
23 Bass product
24 TV series with Scott Baio as a doctor
29 Out
30 Bob or Roberta
31 Saxman Stan
32 It may be enticed with a curled finger
34 Tha ___ Pound (Kurupt's group)
38 Dispense gossip
39 Highly accurate
41 Star of HBO's canceled "Carnivale"
46 Like some walks on the beach
47 Fertility clinic stock
48 Washington b-baller, once
49 Reagan's "Star Wars," for short
50 Part of Vince Neil's band
54 Brilliance
55 Without principles to stand for
57 River through Arles
58 Site with a butler
59 Does an e-mail job
60 "Romeo and Juliet" word that actually means "why"

DOWN

1 "Rhinestone Cowboy" singer Campbell
2 Caramel candy brand
3 Scary spot in "Hansel and Gretel"
4 "___ done it!"
5 "Gotcha"
6 Quiet request
7 Perfumery selections
8 Macy Gray's first hit
9 Feed format used in blogs
10 Appraise anew
11 Laundry worker
12 Infomercial, usually
13 Practice with four sharps
14 Two-___ (old kind of motion picture)
21 Billy Crystal impersonated him on "SNL"
22 Verse introduction?
23 H.S. exam
24 Really got into
25 Suffix for "opal"
26 Word after sex or riot
27 Unit for modern pr[illegible]
28 Caught ___ act
33 Ain't right?
34 Little blob
35 Lofty poem
36 "...can ___ long way
37 Animal that sou[illegible]
38 Does an e-mail job
40 McCarthy, for one
41 Orange-yellow sha[illegible]
42 Product advertised [illegible] with [illegible] phrase "not-so-fresh feeling"
43 Ban variety
44 Past the shore
45 He often jumped into the General Lee
49 Bathrobe holder
50 Treble or bass
51 "As seen on TV" rotating hair styler
52 Online gamer, e.g.
53 In ___ (at heart)
55 "The crows seemed to be calling his name, thought ___" (one of Jack Handey's "Deep Thoughts")
56 Shoe width

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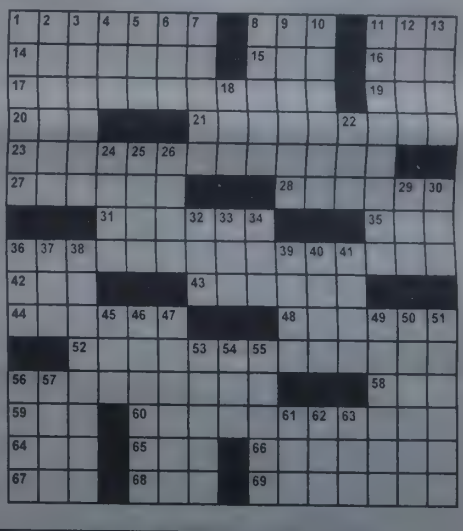

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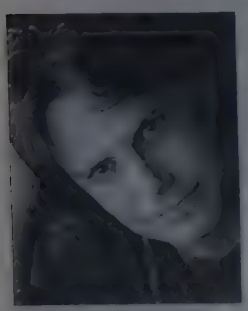

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BEGINNER SALSA CLASSES — **Every Thu**. 9 pm. Fluid Lounge (Jasper & 109 St.) Info. 906-[illegible]

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD — **Nov 18 - 20**. Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre [illegible]

DANCE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE — 2nd & 4th Mon [illegible]

EYE — **Nov 25 & 26**. 8 pm. John L. Haar Theatre (1004-156 St.) Presented by the Brian Webb Dance Company. Choreographed by Yoshito [illegible]

MARTIN KEOGH — **Nov 18 - 28**. 6 pm. The Landing Pad (201-10923-101 St.) 3-day contact improvisation intensive workshop. Info [illegible]

RODA DE CAPOEIRA — Every **Sat. 3 - 4** pm. *Capoeira Academy. 10540 Jasper Ave., 708-3300* A free performance of a Brazilian mix of dance, martial arts & music, invented by African [illegible]

SALSA & THE CITY — **Tue**. 8:30 pm. Urban Lounge (8111-105 St.) Cuban Salsa Lessons.

SATURDAY NIGHT SALSA — **Sep 10 & 24. Oct 15. Nov 12 & 26. Dec 10**. 9 pm. Alex Taylor Gym (8321 Jasper Ave.) Beginner lessons taught by [illegible]

SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE — **Nov 18**. 8 pm [illegible]

SPANISH FLAMENCO DANCE LESSONS — **Every Mon**. 111 Ave. & 113 St. Beginner & [illegible]

BALLROOM DANCE [illegible] *Ave & 112 St.* — **Nov 16 - 19**. 8 pm. matinee [illegible]

BLACK & THE BEAST [illegible] *Anne St., St. Albert* — **Nov 22 - Dec 4**. Nov 22 [illegible]

CHEECH *Catalyst Theatre, 8529 Gateway Blvd* — **Nov 3 - 19**. 8 pm. A theatrical bombshell taking its audience on a hilarious & chaotic ride through a night of chance meetings, dirty photo shoots, drug store holds-ups & panic attacks mimicking the jump cut style of films like Pulp Fiction & Memento. Tickets $15 from TIX.

DIE NASTY *Varscona Theatre, 10329-83 Ave.* — **Every Mon**. 8 pm. Intrigue, passion & endless shenanigans abound in this hilarious & nationally acclaimed improv comedy show. Directed by Dana Andersen. Tickets at the door. Info [illegible]

FILUMENA *Jubilee Auditorium, 11455-87 Ave* — **Nov 26, 29 & Dec 1**. Sat 8 pm, Tue & Thu, 7:30 pm. Murder, passion & tragedy: the fascinating true story of Filumena Lassandro, the last woman to be hanged in Alberta. Set in the Crowsnest Pass region of Alberta in the early 1900's, Filumena becomes involved in a bootlegging scheme; the plan goes awry, a constable is murdered & Filumena hangs. Tickets from TM

GIRL IN THE GOLDFISH BOWL *The Roxy Theatre 10708-124 St.* — **Nov 15 - Dec 4**. It's 1962 & the Cuban Missile Crisis has just begun. For ten-year-old Iris, not only is the world on the brink of extinction, so is her childhood. Tickets from TIX

LOUD 'N QUEER *The Catalyst Theatre 8529-103 St* — **Nov 25 & 26**. Workshop West & Guys in Disguise are putting on a Big Loud Queer Wedding & you are invited. Come join us for a 2 night fabulous celebration of Queer Culture on the prairies. Tickets from TIX. Info: www.work-[illegible]

OH SUSANNA *Varscona Theatre, 10326-83 Ave* — **Nov 26**. 11 pm. The Euro-Style Variety Spectacular. Tickets $10 at the door.

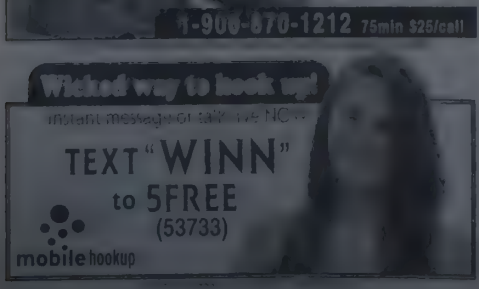
THE SHAPE OF A GIRL *Stanley Milner Library Theatre, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square* — **Nov 18**, 7 pm, **Nov 19**, 2 pm & 7 pm. A powerful, award-winning one-woman show that explores teen bullying & violence, based on the brutal murder of Reena Virk by her peers in Victoria B.C. Tickets $12 adults, $10 students from TIX [illegible]

SOUL SUPPORT [illegible] *Ave* — Every first & third **Tue**. TADA/CH A.D.D [illegible]

THEATRE

AT THE LENGTH OF THE EMPIRE [illegible] — **Nov 10 - 26**. Tue [illegible]

MEETINGS



Every Tue. 5:30 pm - 9 pm. The Faculty Club (11435 Sask Dr.) Pre-register at www.aea.ab.ca

BUSINESS & BEYOND TOASTMASTERS CLUB *U of A, BUS 89* — **Every Mon**. 6:30 pm. Practice and enhance your [illegible] communication, leadership & public speaking. Info: 492-0910 or www.bbtc.ca

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE — Non-profit organization that offers effective public speaking courses. Deal with nervousness, develop effective speaking skills, and explore leadership potential. Info: 468-6498.

CRANKPOTS *Crankpots ceramic studio 10702-82 Ave., 414-1005* — "Happy Hour" free painting workshops. **Mon - Thu**. 10 am - 2 pm

CSS WORKSHOPS *Catholic Social Services offices* — Call 420-6081 for info & registration

EDMONTON NATURE CLUB — **Nov 18**, 7:30 pm, Royal Alberta Museum (12845-102 Ave.) Speaker, Derek Johnson, topic: Glimpses of Natural & Human History of Central America

ENTHUSIASTIC SENIORS TOASTMASTERS *11113-113 St.* — **First & Third Tue** of each month, 1:30pm. Become an effective and relaxed speaker. Info. 405-6408

FAVA WORKSHOP *Ortona Armoury, 9722-102 St., 429-1671* — **Every Mon**, 7 - 10 pm. Monday Night Club screenwriters, directors & actors workshop a scene for camera. Call 429-1671 or visit FAVA.ca

GDC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — **Nov 19** 10 am, Devonshire Room, Union Bank Inn (10053 Jasper Ave.) $15 for GDC members, $20 for non-members. RSVP to Robyn at [illegible]

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED NETWORKING GROUP *Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, #600, 10123-99 St.* — **Every Fri**, 6:45 - 8:30 am. Develop new business relationships and hear keynote speaker Terry Scheirls. Admission: $2, everyone welcome. Info: 426-4620

PARAGON TOASTMASTERS CLUB — **Every Thu**, noon - 1 pm. Improve your listening, thinking & speaking skills. Downtown location. Info: 431-2345 or 427-0552

SCREENWRITERS CIRCLE *Fava Site, 429-1671* — First **Tue** of every month, 7:30 pm. Established & budding screenwriters discuss craft & share works-in-progress. Call 429-1671 or visit FAVA.ca

THE OUTSIDERS SUPPORT GROUP — **Every Wed**, 7 - 8:30 pm. A support group for families and friends of loved ones who are incarcerated or on parole. Providing emotional support, Info and a place to share. Info: 471-1122

UPWARD BOUND TOASTMASTERS *10025-106 St. 10th floor* — Every **Wed**, 7 pm. Improve your public speaking skills. Info: 477-2613 www.ecn.ab.ca

WEST END TOASTMASTER CLUB "COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP" *10451-170 St., Rear Entrance, Main Floor Boardroom* — **Every Tue**, 7 - 9 pm. Communication involves listening skills, giving appropriate feedback and public speaking. Join the friendly environment of personal progress and mutual support during two-hour weekly meetings. Info: 495-5424

YOUNG ADULTS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP *Knox Metropolitan United Church, 8307-109 St.* — Every third **Thu** of the month the Edmonton Chapter of the MS Society is offering a support group for people in their 20s and 30s who have MS and for their family & friends. Info: 471-3034

[illegible] *Education North 4-104* — A social justice group that presents anti-racism workshops to various audiences. Free meeting every **Tue**, 6 pm.

ALT. CINEMA

EDMONTON FILM SOCIETY [illegible] *Auditorium, 102 Ave. & 128 St.* — **Mon**, 8 pm, [illegible] man comes home from Spain to find his native land under a villainous dictatorship. On the one hand he plays the useless fop, while on the other he is the masked Zorro. Starring: Tyrone Power, [illegible]

METRO CINEMA [illegible] *Avenue, 109 St., 433-2402* — **Thu**, [illegible] *Miranda July Shorts* - Miranda July makes movies, performances, recordings and combinations of [illegible] Museum of Modern Art and the Guggenheim Museum

Thu, 9:15 pm, *Sadie Benning Shorts* - A collection of three remarkable works by Sadie Benning (video artist, founding member of Le Tigre, daughter of James Benning) produced between [illegible]

Fri & Mon, 7 pm; **Sun**, 9 pm, *Rebel Without a Cause* - The classic film about alienated and [illegible] "Nominated for Oscar in four categories on 1 [illegible] actor searching for his identity."

Fri, 9 pm; **Sun**, 7 pm, *East of Eden* - Based on John Steinbeck's novel and directed by Elia Kazan, East of Eden was the first of the three major films that make up James Dean's movie legacy. The 24-year-old idol-to-be plays Cal, a wayward Salinas Valley youth who vies for the affection of his hardened father (Raymond Massey) with his favoured brother Aron (Richard Davalos).

Sat, 7 pm, *Giant* - Edna Ferber's best-selling family saga was the source of Stevens' sprawling epic, which stars Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor, and James Dean, in his last film appearance. When Texas cattleman Bick Benedict (Hudson) goes to Virginia in the early 1920s to buy a prize stallion, he falls in love with Leslie Lynnton (Taylor), an aristocratic, independent-minded beauty, and they quickly marry.

Mon, 9 pm, *James Dean: Forever Young* - A film designed to tie up some of the loose ends James Dean left behind after his tragic demise, *Forever Young* is hosted by actor Martin Sheen. Much of the work shown here stems from Dean's little-seen television appearances, which were shot before his meteoric rise to stardom through films such as *Rebel Without a Cause*. A fascinating glimpse of the celebrated actor's blossoming talent.

TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE *(AKA Edmonton's Space & Science Centre) 11211-142 St., 451-3344* — Imax Theatre: *Bugs!* A live-action, rainforest adventure that explores the dramatic & savage lives a praying mantis & a beautiful butterfly known by their Latin names, Hierodula & Papilio. *Mystery of the Nile* Relates the story of the first expedition to navigate the entire Blue Nile, from its source in the heart of Africa to the Egyptian coast of the Mediterranean Sea. *Forces of Nature* Takes you as close as you dare to some of earth's most violent natural disasters, from earthquakes to volcanoes & tornadoes. *Coral Reef, Amazon, Storm Chasers, Space Station, Beavers & Magic of Flight*, Margaret Zeidler Star Theatre: *Climate Change, Alberta Skies II, Laser Cosmology of the World, In My Backyard, Star Wonders, Sky Tonight*. Info & showtimes: 451-3344, www.odyssium.com.

QUEER

AGAPE *Education faculty, U of A Campus* — Focus group on sex and gender differences in education & culture. Pre-service & practicing teachers, as well as community members welcome. Email andre.grace@ualberta.ca for Agape events schedule. Info: 492-0772.

INSIDE/OUT *U of A Campus* — A campus-based organization for LGBTQ faculty, graduates, academic & staff. Straight allies are also welcome. Monthly meetings. Contact kwalls@ualberta.ca or mwoinhamm@ualberta.ca

OPEN DOOR CLUB — **Every Tue**, 5 pm, Grant MacEwan College - City Centre Campus (Rm 6-217) A social group for LGBTQ Students, Faculty & friends at Grant MacEwan College

PRIDE CENTRE *10010-109 St., 488-3234* — Free GLBTQ drop in counseling by chartered Psychologist and social workers. Call 488-3234 or visit www.pridecentreofedmonton.org.

THURSDAY

GAYWIRE *CJSR 88.5* — 6 pm: Edmonton's only radio show about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered lives. Featuring news, local and international features and community events.

ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB *#45, 9912-106 St.* — Second Thu of each month. A social/support group for cross-dressers, transsexuals & other transgendered individuals. Info: 964-8399 or illusionsx42@yahoo.com

MAKING WAVES SWIMMING CLUB — Recreational and competitive swimming with coaching. Beginners encouraged to participate. Practices every Tue & Thu. Socializing after practice. Info: http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm/

SATURDAY

NORTHERN CHAPS *Buddy's Night Club* — Edmonton's original leather-latex-fetish-uniform club meets the first and third Sat of every month. Info: [illegible] www.northernchaps.com

NUE ENGLISH LESBIAN BOWLING LEAGUE *Gateway Lanes & Recreation Centre, #100, 3414 Gateway Blvd.* V — 5 - 7 pm group supper each week after bowling (optional). Cost is $15 per person. Info: Peter, 483-1075.

YOUTH UNDERSTANDING YOUTH *10010-109St* — Every Sat — 9 pm. Providing a warm and [illegible] gay bisexual transgender [illegible] Questioning youth under the age of 25. Can gather together to have fun, [illegible] about themselves and others in a safe, [illegible] environment. Info: [illegible]

SUNDAY

ALBERTA PFLAG FAITH SOCIETY *First Church, 12116 Fox Ave.* — 2pm. Meets the last Sun. Open to [illegible] Family and friends from every [illegible] faith and culture are welcome.

ARCTIC FRONTRUNNERS — **11 am**. A [illegible] gay and lesbian runners meets Sun mornings and hits the river valley trails. Runners [illegible] speeds are welcome. Our runs are typically 10 km long and take 40 - 60 minutes. [illegible]

LAMBDA CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH *Garneau United Church, 11148 84 Ave* — Lambda provides a safe and healing space for Edmonton's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, heterosexual Christians & their friends. [illegible] denominations, faiths welcome. Worship [illegible] pm, Sun. Info: 887-8611 or lambdachurch@shaw.ca

MEN TALKING WITH PRIDE *10010-109 St.* — [illegible] safe, supportive & confidential discussion [illegible] focusing on all gay related issues. Focus [illegible] any stage of coming out. Free meeting [illegible] Sun, 7 pm. Call: 488-3234 or talkingwithpride@hotmail.com.

SOUTHMINSTER-STEINHAUER UNITED CHURCH *10740 19 Ave.* — 10 am: Wo[illegible] people of all sexual orientations. Info: 9[illegible]

SPIRITUAL LIVING CENTRE — Celebrating embracing the spiritual magnificence [illegible] www.spirituallivingcentre.com, 989-3[illegible]

MONDAY

BADMINTON LEAGUE — The badminton [illegible] is now finished but will start up again [illegible] The group still meets on a monthly basis [illegible] social/sports. Info: cwbyteddy@shaw.[illegible] 4295

TUESDAY

EDMONTON RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION — Join us on the second Tues of every month for drinks, munchies & conversation [illegible] Info call 422-6207.

FREEDOM METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF EDMONTON *10086 MacDonald* — 7:15 pm: A church for all people. Info 439-2321.

GROUP MOVIE NIGHT — Phone to find out [illegible] movie, when to meet and where. Join us for [illegible] fee afterwards, too. Cost: Free for 2 members plus theatre costs. Info: 454-0313

MAKING WAVES SWIMMING CLUB — Recreational and competitive swimming with coaching. Beginners encouraged to participate. Practices every Tue & Thu. Socialization after practices. Info: http://www.geocities.com/making-waves_edm.

OUTREACH *Heritage Room, Athabasca Hall, U of A Campus* — 5 pm: U of A based group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight friendly students, staff and faculty. (Open to the community, not just U of A) Info: www.outreach.pixelalmighty.com or outreach@ualberta.ca.

PFLAG/T *#45, 9912 106 St.* — 7:30 pm: Semi-meeting every third Tues of the month for parents, families and friends, of lesbians and gays and transgendered people. Info: 462-5564 or 877-882-2011 ext. 2043.

TRANSSEXUAL/TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP *Garneau United Church meeting room, 11148 84 Ave.* — 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Last [illegible] every month: True Spirit North, an education support group for trans-identified & [illegible] people. Info: 405-4134 or email truespirit[illegible]north@shaw.ca

WEDNESDAY

BI-SEXUAL WOMEN'S COFFEE GROUP Second Wed each month 7:30pm. A social group for bi-curious and bi-sexual women. More [illegible] bwcoffeegroup@yahoo.ca.

BISEXUAL PRIDE *Pride Centre* — 7 pm. A [illegible] and support group that meets on the last [illegible] every month. Friendly and accepting. Info: [illegible] 3234.

GMOC — Gay Men's Outreach Crew. Every [illegible] 7 - 10 pm: Coming-out workshops, [illegible] tance, health, call 488-0564 or gmoc@[illegible] baun.com for info.

YOURS, MINE, OURS AND US (YMOU) — [illegible] support group for LGBT parents, partners [illegible] their friends. Meets first and third Wed of [illegible] month. Info: 426-6311 or 415-5434

BARS/CLUBS

DOWN UNDER *12224 Jasper Ave., 482-2[illegible]* www.gayedmonton.com

STEAMERS *9668 Jasper Ave., 422-258[illegible]*

STEAMWORKS *11745-Jasper Ave* — Open 24/7. Info: 451-5554

EVENTS

12 HOUR COMIC CHALLENGE — **Nov 15**. [illegible] Harbor Comics & Toys (10112-124 [illegible]) literary & artistic abilities to the utmost [illegible] Info: www.happyharborcomics.com.

AINEMBABAZI CHILDREN'S PROJECT — **Nov 27**. 11 am - 2 pm. Acqua Marina [illegible] Restaurant (13578 Fort Rd.) Inaugural [illegible] fundraiser. Tickets $35, info 975-[illegible]

ALBERTA BLAIN PERFORMERS AID SOCIETY FUNDRAISER — **Nov 20**. 5 pm-8 [illegible]

...(9230-87 Ave.) Feat, Laura Vinson & Free ... Cold Feet, The Edmonton Pipe Band & ... Tickets $10 at the door.

...ANNUAL MULTI-CULTURAL GALA — Nov 24, ... Cultural Society (14230-133 Ave.) Feat. ...ing & dance artists & fabulous Italian food. ...ed by Crime Stoppers. Tickets $50 from ...-1122

...ART CRAFT SHOW & SALE — Nov 18 - 20, ... 27 & Dec 2 - 4, Beau Village Mall ...ment, behind the Shell station on 50th St.) ...ded by the Artists' Association of ...

...BLACK & WHITE FUNDRAISER — Nov 19, ...al Place (100 Festival Way, Sherwood ...of the Nomads. Fundraiser supporting ...Place's various programs & the develop... ...of the arts in Sherwood Park. Tickets $100 ...FES

...BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE — Nov 18 ... Shaw Conference Centre. Feat. speakers ...Kennedy Jr., David Suzuki, Avrol Looking ...e & more. Info & register: www.yotin.com.

...CELEBRATE PERSONS DAY — Nov 17, 7:30 am, ...dmonton Plaza Hotel (10155-105 St.) ...Persons Day Breakfast hosted by the ...'s Legal Education & Auction Fund. ...$45 from 429-1726.

CHRISTMAS IN THE S.T.A.R. BARN — Nov 19 & ... 9 am - 4 pm, Saumer Time Alpaca Ranch ...of Stony Plain on Hwy 16. North on Hwy ...right on Heatherdown Road, right on RR. 22, ...follow the signs.) A warm & fuzzy Christmas ...experience. Info: ...www.SaumerTimeAlpacaRanch.com.

COUNTRY CRAFT FAIR — Nov 19 & 20, St. ...Place, City Hall (5 St Anne St., St. Albert) ...fundraiser presented by St. Albert Place ...Arts Council. Free Admission.

DARK SIDE OF BEER — Nov 22, 7:30 pm, 4th & ...(1358-104 Ave.) Fantastic dark beers from ...the world. Tickets & Info from 497-...

EDMONTON SINGLES DINNER & WINE CLUB — ...Nov 25, 6 pm, Steels Cafe & Grill (10010-178 ...). Alberta Prime Rib Dinner & entertainment by ...August. Tickets $55 non-members, $45 ...members from 465-9979. Info: sin-...

EAST CHRISTMAS — Nov 25 & 26, Prince of ...Armoury (10440-108A Ave.) A Global Fair ...Market, find unique gifts & support social ...

LATIN/CARIBBEAN FUNDRAISER — Nov 19, 8 ...pm, Red Strap Market (10305-97 St.) In support ...Latin Festival Society & the Caribbean ...Network. Feat. X-Band. Tickets $12 ...TIX. $15 at the door.

...NIGHT IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ...GUATEMALA — Nov 19, 7 pm, City Arts Centre ...(10943 -84 Ave.) Proceeds go to the worst hit ...areas of Guatemala. Feat. DJ Pachuco ...Tickets $10 at the door.

PARKLAND INSTITUTE'S ANNUAL CONFER-...ENCE — Nov 18 - 20. Feat. Maude Barlow, ...Malick, Doug Roche & more. To regis-...info: www.ualberta.ca/parkland.

...SAINT SOCIETY DINNER & AUCTION — Nov 18, ...Cultural Centre (14230-133 Ave.) Evening ...dinner, entertainment, live & silent auc-... Tickets $75 from 460-2195.

...SNOWBALL — Nov 26, 7 pm, Characters ...(10018-105 St.) A Charity cocktail ...in support of the Cross Cancer Institute. ...special hors d'oeuvres, dancing & a ...Tickets $30 from 423-8933

...STUDIO THE NAUGHTY BUT NICE SEX SHOW — ...Nov 18 - 20, Northlands Agricom. Adults only, ...& entertaining. Info: www.canwest-...

...WOMEN WINE & ROMANCE — Nov 19 & 20, ...Red Strap Market (10305-97 St.) Art show, Live ...& Dance. Tickets $12 from TIX.

MUSEUMS

...ALBERTA AVIATION MUSEUM *11410-Kingsway* ... Display of Edmonton's bush ...double wide, double-long hangar. ...10 am - 4 pm

CITY OF EDMONTON ARCHIVES *10440-108* ... – More than 50,000 catalogued ...slides from the 1880s to the ...display galleries. Free admission. ...8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

...WALTER MUSEUM *496-8787* — ...donations gladly accepted. ...www.johnwalter

...EDMONTON REGIMENT MILITARY ...MUSEUM *Prince of Wales Armouries* ...*10440 108 Ave* — Current ...the Battle of Ortona, Dec 1943 ...photographs, documents, ...one of Canada's most important ...World War II. Hours: Weekdays, 10 am ...

...HERITAGE MUSEUM *5 St. Anne St., St.* ...459-1528 Hours: Mon - Sat, 10 am - 5 ...5 pm. Admission: Suggested ...donation and registration. 459-1528.

...FIELDS ALBERTA MUSEUM *Wetaskiwin, 1-* ...Until Nov 27. *Motorcycle* ...every second Sunday at 2 pm.

Info: www.reynoldsalbertamuseum.com.

ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM *12845-102 Ave., 453-9100* - **Permanent Exhibitions**: *Wild Alberta* Explore Alberta's natural habitat - from mountain cave to live fish. *The Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture* traces the extraordinary history of Alberta's Aboriginal peoples from the end of the Ice Age to the present day. *The Natural History Gallery* explore some of the extraordinary changes the Alberta region has experienced, and see how these changes were written in the rocks. **Until Jan 9**: *Kid Stuff: Great Toys from Our Childhood* - A traveling exhibition from the Berkshire Museum of Massachusetts. Info: 459-9100. Hours: Mon - Sun, 9 am - 5 pm. Ticket prices & Info: www.RoyalAlbertaMuseum.ca.

TELEPHONE MUSEUM *Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre 10444-108 Ave., 433-1010* — Hours: Tue – Fri, 10 am – 3 pm. Admission by donation.

ACTIVISM

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL *Knox Metropolitan Church, (83 Ave Entrance) 8307-109 St.* — All are welcome. Call 462-1871 for info.

ANARCHIST READING CIRCLE DISCUSSION GROUP *Fine Arts Building, lounge at bottom of stairway, U of A Campus, 114 St. & 89 Ave.* — Every **Sun**, 4 pm: Meet for critical discussion of assigned anarchist readings, the theory and practice of anarchism and current international and local events. Current readings available at: www.oxygensmith.com/~arc.

COUNCIL OF CANADIANS — An independent, public interest organization that works to promote economic justice, renew democracy and assert Canadian Sovereignty holds meetings every third **Wed** of the month. For details call: 429-4500

EDMONTON SMALL PRESS ASSOCIATION — ESPA is an activist org. with members from 28 countries. Always seeking socially conscious artists, administrators, and volunteers. Meetings every third **Wed** at 7 pm. Info: 424-9236 or espa2002@shaw.ca

ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECT ACTION NETWORK *#7, 6328A-104 St.*— Environmental activist and public education group. Weekly meetings every **Thu**, 6:30 pm. Special monthly meeting every third **Thu**, 6:30 pm at Organic Roots (8225-122 St.) Admission free. All are welcome. Info: 440-...

MADELEINE SANAM FOUNDATION *Faculté Saint-Jean, 8406-91 St Room 3-18* — Every third and fourth Sat of the month, 9 am - 5 pm An organization for the emancipation and autonomy of African Women through programs on economy, community radio and community health. Offers training on HIV-AIDS prevention, treatment and harm reduction in French, English and other African languages. Admission free for members, membership: $10. Call 490-7332 to register

SIERRA CLUB OF CANADA - Prairie Chapter works with, & is always seeking, ecologically & socially conscious individuals to build a strong grassroots movement in the Prairies. Info www.sierraclub.ca/prairie

UNIVERSITY COALITION AGAINST WAR & RACISM *Humanities Centre, Rm 1-7, U of A Campus* — A public interest group working in education and organizing invites concerned public to attend coalition meetings every **Thu**, 4:30 - 6 pm

WOMEN IN BLACK *Strathcona Farmer's Market, 83 Ave. & 103 St.* — First & third **Sat** of every month, 10 - 11 am: An international women's peace & anti-racism group formed by Jewish & Arab women in 1988 opposes violence in all its forms. All women, men & children invited to attend a silent vigil. Info: 435-7051

WOMENS LEAGUE *Organic Roots, 8225-112 St* — The Women's International League for Peace & Freedom meets the first **Wed** of every month at 7 pm. All women are welcome. Info: 447-9060

YOUTH ANTI RACISM PROJECT *U of A, Education North 4-104* — Every **Tue**, 6 pm: Social justice group that presents anti-racism workshops to various audiences. Admission free. Info: 425-4644.

HEALTH/ WELLNESS

CLUB LULU *Lululemon, 10544 - 82 Ave.* — Fun & Innovative weekly activities to get you moving. Visit www.lululemon.com, call 435-9363 or ...whyte-community@lululemon.com to register

CSS WORKSHOPS *Catholic Social Services offices* — Call 420-6081 for info

GENTLE YOGA *Radha Yoga Centre 9946-87 Ave* — Weekly classes in small group settings & occasional workshops. Hatha, Yoga & Writing Dance, Mind & Consciousness, Dreams, plus weekly Satsang. Enquire about schedule and fees. Info 432-3363 or www.yasodhara.org

HIV NETWORK OF EDMONTON SOCIETY *300-11456 Jasper Ave. 488-5742* — Hours: Mon Wed & Thu, 9 am - 5 pm, Tue, 9 am - 7 pm & Fri, 9 am - 4 pm

ION CLEANSE — Tue - Sat, 10 am - 4 pm Capilano Mall. Safe, comfortable detoxification $20 for a 30 min. session. For appointment 428-5456

LEARN KARATE *Grandin Elementary School 9884-110 St. 975-6910* — Starting **Sep 6**, Every **Tue** & Fri, 6:30 pm - 8 pm. Classes for kids over 10, teens & adults

LIVING POSITIVE — Tue, 7 pm - 9 pm, Suite 404-10408-124 St. A confidential space where POZ people can discuss & share common issues of concern. A peer driven, AIDS service organization, providing direct support to people living w/ HIV in Alberta. Info: 488-5768

MADELEINE SANAM FOUNDATION - *Faculté Saint-Jean, 8406-91 St Room 3-18*. Every third and fourth **Sat** of the month, 9 am - 5 pm: An organization for the emancipation and autonomy of African Women through programs on economy, community radio and community health. Offers training on HIV-AIDS prevention, treatment and harm reduction in French, English and other African languages. Admission free for members, membership: $10. Call 490-7332 to register

MARTIAL ARTS *St. Brendan Elementary School, 5825-93a Ave.*, — Classes offered from small martial arts club. Info: 440-0171 or www.jujitsuedmonton.com

NUTRITION CLASSES — **Oct 25 - Nov 29**, 7 pm, balanced.wellness. Course will cover Healthy Eating in a Hectic World, Energy Eating, Prevention & Management & more. Info: www.balanced-wellness.ca.

OOH LE LA PILATES *C'est Sara (12818-52 St.)* — **Every Mon**, 9 - 10 am & **Thu**, 6 - 7 pm: Free Pilates workshop. To register call 991-8634

ORGANIC ROOTS WORKSHOPS (8225-112 St.) — Info: 413-1730.

RADHA YOGA SHARING THE LIGHT — Nov 20, 2 pm, Radha Yoga Centre (9946-87 Ave.) Free yoga class, open house feat. poetry, art & song, bhajans & satsang. Info: 432-3363 or www.yasodhara.org

THE OUTSIDERS SUPPORT GROUP — Every Wed, 7 - 8:30 pm. A support group for families ... or on parole. Providing emotional support, info and a place to share. Info: 471-1122

TRANQUILITY MEDITATION — Every Wed, 7 pm, 10502-70 Ave. Meditation w/ Tibetan tradition female lama Ani Kunsang. Info: 633-6157

WOMEN'S WISDOM CIRCLE *Unity of Edmonton corner of 132 St & 106 Ave.* — Every 3rd **Wed** 7 pm - 9 pm. Sharing and supporting through self/group chosen activities, such as meditation stories, music, dancing, and laughter

...ARTS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUP-...PORT GROUP *Knox Metropolitan United Church, 8307 109 St.* — Every third **Thu** of the month the Edmonton Chapter of the MS Society is offering a support group for people in their 20s and 30s who have MS and for the family & friends. Info: 471-3034

KIDS

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HOLGER HERWIG — **Nov 25**, 7 30 pm, Audrey's Books (10702 Jasper Ave.) Will tell stories of his new book. *One Christmas in Washington* Admission free. Info. 423-3487

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ONE CIRCLE CONFERENCE — **Nov 18 - 21** Shaw Conference Centre. Speakers to discuss issues facing our communities & our nations such as Chief Avrol Looking Horse, David Suzuki & Robert Kennedy Jr. Info: www.yotin.com.

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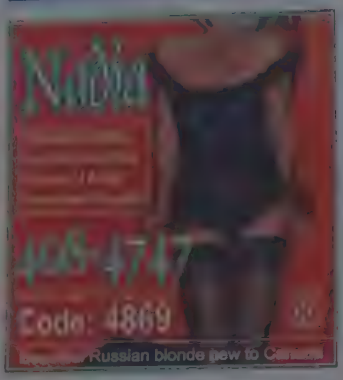

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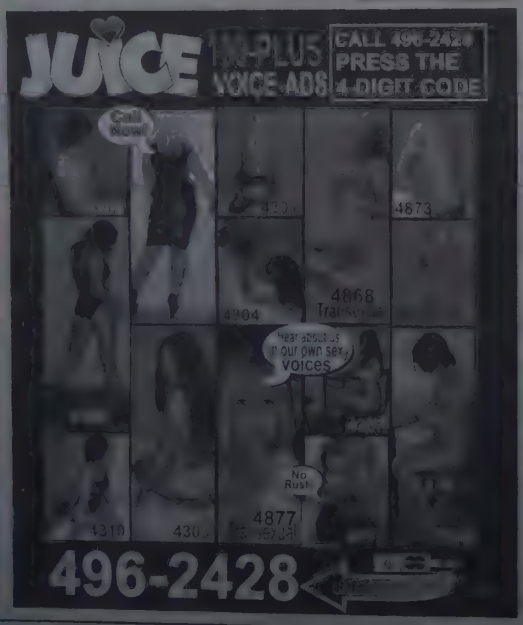

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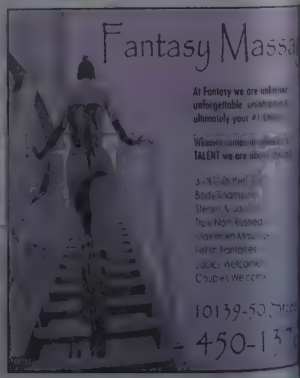

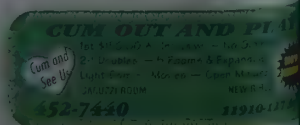

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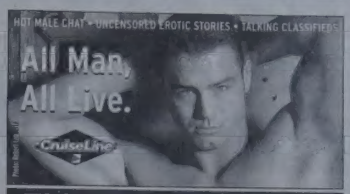

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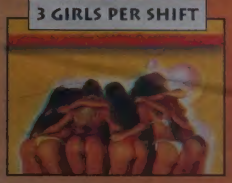

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Easy Street's takin' a detour to the wrong side of the tracks and even if you've got GPS in the SUV, that ain't a fun place to be. You'll be fine by the time the Sun hits your sign on Tuesday, though. 'Til then, keep rollin' with the windows up, the doors locked and your eyes peeled to generate your own protective force field!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Remember the immortal words of Rob Base and DJ EZ Rock, "Joy and pain/Like sunshine and rain," as this weekend your karmic forecast's prognosticatin' a 70 per cent chance of showers. Ain't no use ragin' against the precipitation 'cause the Sun'll soon show its face again. You just have to dress a li'l warmer 'til next week, when it does.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Don't sweat it, Aquarius. Someone as radical as you is bound to get rounded up as a suspect. There's nothin' to do except be on your best behaviour so that when it all comes out, truth'll be your saviour. Until then, just enjoy all the attention!

PISCES (Fe.b 19-March 20)
When times are tense, Emotion'll jump to conclusions just to have some kinda solution to the irritation caused by the situation. Of course, Emotion ain't known for thinkin' things through—that's a job for Intellect to do. This weekend, let it make the call on what action to take, if any at all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
There's the odd occasion where hard work's propelled someone to the peak, but they usually get there by greasin' the wheels when they squeak. That's why this week it's important to network and avoid bein' branded a loner or jerk. If you want your opportunities maxed, scratch some backs and hold off on attacks!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll be happy to hear Karmic Dept. of Wildlife has declared bulls out-of-season. So, after this period o' pain, it's time for you to pursue pleasure again. Whether it's the physical, intellectual or emotional sort is entirely your choosin' and readin' a book's as effective as carousin' and boozin'. You just need some fun!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
If your tactics are based on short term thinkin', that's the reason your strategy's stinkin'. This week, before firin' at something or someone with your gun, consider how they could help you in the long run. You catch more flies with sugar than salt and the more troops on your side, the harder you'll be to halt!

CANCER (June 21-July 21)
Right now, your ascent to success is like ridin' in an overloaded hot air balloon. You may have all the gas needed to rise to the top but with all the dead weight you're carryin', you're startin' to drop. This week, to continue your ride, you'll need to throw some ballast over the side!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You're so sizzlin' hot right now that any sucker who tries to step to you is gonna get scorched to a cinder. However, since fire's awfully unpredictable, it could be a friend who ignites your tinder. That's why this weekend you wanna keep your blaze covered—if you burn the wrong person, it'll end up gettin' smothered.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
This week you'll be like a kid in an arcade who thinks they've got it made 'cause there a-gazillion different games to be played. Trouble is, you've only got enough tokens for one, so it'd better be fun. Make sure you know which one you like most 'cause once you've spent it, your allowance is toast!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Instead of ignorin' what someone'll say 'cause you figure you've got it all worked out anyway, this week pay careful attention—even to words that simpletons mention. You'll notice that the more you think you don't know, the more your intelligence'll be able to grow. Besides, you never know who's got the good info!

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MONDAY 2

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Lads get laid

Gentlemen share their side: the pressure to lose it

AFTER READING THE LADIES' "LOSING it" stories last week, it's clear that for most women, having sex for the first time creates a moral and emotional conundrum, while for boys, the biggest problem seems to be finding someone to lose it with. Oh, that, and not being too, er, "overly enthusiastic" when they finally do. This week, men lose their virginity:

"I grew up in a very religious family and wanted to wait until marriage. Then I almost did it with a girl I felt strongly connected with at 17, but she got weirded out because she knew my values. After that, I avoided the issue, and focused my time playing music in a local band. However, being a musician who hadn't yet had sex made me a bit of an anomaly and my friends gave me slack, saying stuff like: 'Why can't you get laid? What's the matter with you?'

"By the time I reached my 20th birthday, the pressure made me decide this was the year to 'do it.' I bought a pack of condoms and started dating with the intent to score. Months passed, until I met someone at a local bar and took her back to my parent's house, where I decided to get it over with. Much to my surprise, it was great. I guess I was under the impression that sex would change everything about me, when really, it was just fun. When we finished she asked me how many partners I'd had and I was too embarrassed to tell her she was my first. I haven't seen the girl since."

"The party after my high school homecoming football game was like something out of a movie, complete with live band, beer bong being filled from the garage roof, beach-ball volleyball, a bonfire, and probably close to 200 people. Towards the end of the night I found myself in a bedroom with the hostess (a self-proclaimed nympho, I later found out). She handcuffed me to her bed and started stripping us both. Apparently in my drunken rambling, I told her I didn't want to lose my virginity like that. So we made plans to spend a whole day together having sex. The following Monday we both skipped school and picked up where we left off, except that we were sober and it was 7:30 in the morning on a weekday. We had Chinese food delivered so we didn't have to stop, and barely called it quits in time for me to make it to track practice after school. We were 17 then, and now, 24 and a modest number of girls later, it still stands out as one of my top 10 lays."

"I was 21 when I finally 'lost it' with a girlfriend (my second girlfriend ever). Like most guys, I'd been thinking about sex since I was, like, eight. As I got older, my friends began telling me tales (albeit vague and detail-free) of their sexual adventures while I prayed to just get a date. During high school, two separate female friends with low self-esteem would insist I sleep with them when they were drunk at parties. Despite the fact that I was jonesing for sex, I didn't go there. When I finally lost my virginity, it was with a beautiful, smart, funny, hip, totally amazing woman who was (maybe) in love with me. It was way better than I expected. In a sort of *Revenge of the Nerds* moment, the day after 'the big event,' kids who'd always made fun of me greeted me with a big cheer and round of applause. They'd actually bet on how long I would last, and apparently, I made one guy a lot of money."

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"I always thought I'd lose my virginity in a controlled setting at a much older age than I did. I was with a 16-year-old girl (I was 19) who was comforting me after I'd broken up with my girlfriend. As the night wore on and my puffy eyes started focusing on the girl who had made it all better, I started to feel weirdly drawn to her as she was rubbing my head and shoulders. I'd always thought I'd just know what to do the first time I got intimate with a woman (it was her first time as well) so I started unbutton her blouse and she went for my belt. We continued touching and kissing until I felt something wet in my pants (we were still buttoned). She persevered with the button and I had to tell her I'd come already."

"By age 19, I was ready to accept the possibility that I would remain a virgin for another 19 years, and the thought actually took the pressure off, and made me relax and feel more confident. Sure enough, I spent an entire day with a foxy chick, having fun, oblivious to any sexual tension until we ended up back at my apartment and were standing much too close for a friendly chat. When I got the hint, I leaned in for a kiss, and next thing I knew, she was screaming 'HARDER,' between shrieks of encouragement and approval. The next day she told me that she had cheated on her boyfriend with me, who had given her a threesome with another girl as a birthday present on the very morning of the day I and I had met, and told me we wouldn't be sleeping together again. I've spotted her on subway a few times, but we never met again."

"I lost my virginity with a girlfriend who was also a virgin. We were prepared, we had condom, and had fun. What I wasn't prepared for was how quickly I came inside her. As a result, I kept fearing I would come too soon and worked on control so that now, almost 20 years later, I still actually takes me too long to come!"

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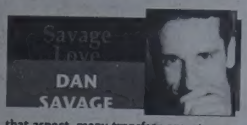
Trannies discuss the truths and myths of The Impossible Fantasy



MY BOYFRIEND LET ME EXPERI- ment on him with a strap-on. At first he didn't like it, but now he loves it. Now I want to have sex with another guy and watch him suck a real cock. How can I get him to try this?

Pretty Eager Gal

Jesus Christ, PEG! I have plowed years—decades—and thousands of words—thousands—into convincing straight boys that there's nothing gay—nothing!—about a woman fucking a man with a strap-on. Whether he's penetrating her or she's penetrating him, I told 'em, it's still straight sex. And people were buying it! (Well, not the editors of Vice Magazine, but they're not human.) Then you come along, PEG, and undo all the good work in less than 50 fucking words! Now every guy whose girlfriend wants to peg dad's gonna think it's some vast conspiracy to turn him into a dick lickin' bitch. And it is, of course, but we don't want the straight boys to know that.

I can't bring myself to answer any more letters this week. I mean, why bother, when all hard work can be undone in an instant by a heterosexuals person who can only think about what she wants! So I'm turning this week's column over to a pack of female-to-male transsexuals. They've got some good advice for The Impossible Fantasy, the gay man who's attracted to "guys with pies," or hyper-masculine FTMs, but wasn't having any luck finding an HWP willing to sleep with him. Take it away, gentlemen.

As a gay-identified FTM, my first reaction to TIF's letter was, "Wow, too bad that guy comes across like such a douche." Given that reaction, I'm not terribly surprised he's having trouble fulfilling his fantasy. As a public service, I'll try to unpack (ahem) why that was my reaction.

Most transfags are not and do not consider themselves hyper-masculine, so he would be part of the problem right from the gate if he isn't too particular about that aspect, many transfags are, strangely enough, not all that into traditional gender roles, so the hyper-masculine requirement is probably off-putting to more people than just me.

3. There are definitely transfags into having sex "up front," as they say, but it's not something people like to advertise. So initiating contact by saying, "I want to fuck your pussy," may be off-putting.

4. A lot of transfags—not all, but a lot—are into the leather/S&M/other-weird-stuff scene, so if he's not looking there, that may be another reason he's not finding many.

5. Like you mentioned, Dan, a lot of transfags feel that finding a gay-identified man who will accept their genital arrangement is a lost cause and aren't looking all that hard. If TIF is looking mostly in places—web or real life—that are geared toward sex and dating, he's probably not going to run into many transfags. He might have more success making contact through groups with political aims or through support groups.

Alex

I'm a gay bio-male with a comment for the gay man interested in "guys with pies." Based on what I know of my FTM friends, here's a suggestion: When you meet a gay/bi FTM, don't call his genitals by female names. Call it his cock. Treat it like a nice, hot cock. By accepting his body for what he might prefer it to be, you have a better chance at making him want to be with you.

Charles

I'm a transman—queer identified, post-op (chest only)—who might have a few insights into why TIF is having trouble finding transguys willing to spread 'em. An obvious one is that transguys often have resentment toward their pussies. They identify as purely male, even though current technological restraints in the medical field aren't able to offer them anything more than a lifeless flap of skin taken from their own forearm, leaving it disfigured.

A lot of transguys (including myself) began their transition by first identifying as a butch lesbian. Being in the lesbian community during a time when you're forming your identity can bring you into contact with the notion that penises are oppressive and gross and a symbol of the patriarchy. For transguys who followed this path, those ideas might be a little hard to shake.

On to the Stone Butch phenomenon: Many butch lesbians don't like to be penetrated because they feel disempowered or feminized when they're being fucked. This is not to say that only butch lesbians eventually identify as trans, but some transguys definitely continue to uphold a very strict no-penetration policy—some even have no-touch policies.

TIF mentioned that most of the FTMs he's met have been straight identified. For many FTMs, especially recently transitioned ones, there is often an obsession with "passing" in society as male. A lot of FTMs wear very stereotypical male clothing and act in very stereotypically male ways in order to pass. And what does a stereotypical male find attractive? Women. Tits and ass.

Personally, I'm not strictly gay identified because I love fucking women, but I also enjoy getting slammed by a hard cock every once in a while by a guy with a tight chest and stubble on his chin. As an FTM who sought for so long to acquire a male body, how can I deny the beauty of the male form? I have no doubt TIF will eventually find an FTM who is willing to "bottom out" for him. We're definitely out there.

One of Many Guys with Pies

A couple thoughts from an FTM for TIF:

1. I transitioned six years ago and this is the first time I have encountered the phrase "guys with pies." I Googled it and only got porn sites (and people upset about Ann Coulter getting a pie in the face). He might want to rethink his language. Calling a cunt a "pie" just sounds childish. That said, some FTMs appear to find the term "mangina" seriously erotic, so maybe I'm just straight-laced.

2. He's not just looking for a man with a vagina, he's looking for a hyper-masculine man with a vagina. As if chasing FTMs didn't narrow the pool enough, he wants the double-whammy faggot dream of seducing the straight guy. That damn well may be The Impossible Fantasy.

And while I'm here, Dan: When you periodically respond to those pre-op FTMs moaning that they can't get a date, your answer annoys me a bit. You state that most gay guys don't want anything to do with trannies, end of story. My experience has been that a lot of gay guys will give it a whirl if they've never been with a tranny before. Relationships are tricky, absolutely, but a reasonable amount of confidence and getting laid isn't.

Paris

If that chap TIF isn't aware of the porn performer Buck Angel, he should be. He's exactly what TIF is looking for.

Keefer Reefer

Holeeeee shiiiiiiiiit.

I Googled "Buck Angel," checked out his website, and then had to spend the rest of the day in a dark room with a cold compress over my eyes. Like, wow. If ever there was proof that there's someone out there for everyone, hyper-masculine FTM porn star Buck Angel is it. (Check Buck out at www.buckangel.com.) He's just the thing TIF has been looking for—just the thingless thing, I should say. Enjoy, TIF.

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